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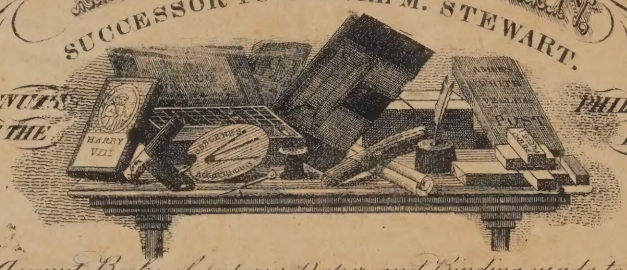

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Minutes of the Board of
Managers, 1842-1857.

October 27th 1842.
Thursday 2 o'clk P.M.

The Board of Managers met & was opened with prayer by the President. Roll called: absent, the Chairman of the Comtee on Romish Church, Infidelity & Pub. Morals & Saurier. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Bro. Hepburn presented an excuse for absence which was not accepted. Bros. T. C. Porter & Trimble presented excuses for absences from former meetings which were accepted. Bro. Sterling requested absence from the present meeting of the Board, which was granted.

The Keeper of the Cabinet reported the presentation of some coins &c from bro. Bittenger:- Some shells &c from bro. D. L. Hughes; & some books & tracts from the Mission Rooms in N. Y.

The Chairman of the Comtee on Bib. & Tract Societies & Relig. Education, reported the following persons added to that Com. viz- Grinnold- Stebbins, Woodbridge- Lyon, Logan & Reiley.

The Chairman of the Com. on Domes. Missions & Revivals, reported the following persons added to that Com. viz- Bannatyne, Clelland, Drysdale Henry, Mills, Hickman, Newell, Wallace & Watson.

The Chairman of the Comtee on For. Missions reported the election of Bro. Lowrie as Chairman & the following persons added to that Com. viz- S. K. Hughes- W. H. Green, Loomis, White, S. Miller Jr., Thompson & Westcott.

The Chairman of the Standing Comtee reported that the chairs voted at the last meeting of the Board for the use of the Reading Room had been purchased. The same Com. reported that

a consultation had been held with the Editor of the "Catholic Herald" & that it would be sent to the Reading Room gratis. The same Com. reported that the "Banner of the Cross," an Episcopical paper had come to the Reading Room, whereupon it was moved that the Standing Comtee be instructed to ascertain if it came gratuitously, & if so, to receive it. The same Com. reported that the subscriptions for the "Protestant Vindicator - London Quarterly - Edingburgh Quarterly, Foreign Quarterly, London & Westminister Quarterly & Episcopical Recorder were due, whereupon it was moved that the Standing Comtee be authorized to draw on the Treasurer the amount necessary & pay for them.

On motion it was resolved to subscribe for 80 Catalogues of the Seminary for 1842-1843.

Bro. Mahaffey having stated that he had purchased whilst in Philadelphia three blank books:- one for the minutes of the Society of Inquiry - one for the minutes of the Board of Managers & an obituary book, at an expense of $7.50., it was on motion of Bro. J. C. Porter resolved to receive the Books & that payment be made by the Treasurer.

Bro. Mahaffey having mentioned that an extra ton of coal had been added to the heap belonging to the Society through mistake it was moved that the Standing Com. be authorized to pay Mr Waggoner (the owner) provided he waits for his pay till next session.

The Comtee on Pub. Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity having failed to

represent themselves in the Board of Managers during this session, it was on motion of bro. Green resolved that the Recor. Sec. be instructed to notify the said Comtee to this effect, that they have not been represented in the Board of Managers at any of its meetings this session; nor have the Board received any official notice who their Chairman is - that the lawful presumption is that they have none: that they are hereby directed by the Board to choose a Chairman before its next meeting: & that in case they are not represented by their Chairman on that occasion the Board will according to Art. I. Sec. 18th of By-Laws proceed to elect one for them who will thenceforth act in that capacity.

On motion it was then resolved that a correspondence be opened with the New Albany Seminary. Bro. Brown was appointed Advocate of the Board. Adjourned with prayer by bro. Wells.

J. Johnston Walsh
Recording Secretary.

Nov. 24th. 1842.
Thursday 2. o'clock P.M.

Board met & was opened with prayer by bro. Janvier. Roll called: absent, the Chairman of the Comtee on Pub. Mss, Rom. Chh, & Infidelity, Hepburn & Sterling. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved with the correction that the motion to receive "The Churchman," if sent gratis, be recorded. Bro. Janvier presented an excuse for absence which was accepted. The Corresponding Sec. of the Society of Inquiry reported that 6 letters had been written & sent to different Societies.

The Keeper of the Cabinet reported the presentation of a curious stone, found in the stomach of a horse.

The Standing Comtee reported that information had been received, that the "Banner of the Cross" will be sent to the Reading Room gratis. The Chairman of the Comtee on Foreign Missions reported the following persons, added to that Comtee, viz. Hepburn, Hanill & Isaac M. Cook. The Chairman of the Comtee on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans reported the following persons, added to that Comtee viz. Beach, Chamberlain, D. Cook, Love, Logan, Monell, Newell, Rogers, Trumbull, Rice & Watson: & that the name of Monell had been stricken from the Roll of the Comtee for non-attendance upon its meetings.

Bro. Mahaffey having made a statement as to the time when the subscriptions for the Commercial Advertiser & Pennsylvanian expired, it was on motion,

Resolved, that both of these papers be continued.

Moved, that the Christian Observer be taken by this Society, carried.

Moved that the National Intelligencer be taken for six months, carried

Moved that the Globe be taken for the same period, lost.

On motion of Bro. Culbertson, Resolved, that the Recording Sec. be directed to report to the Board at its next meeting articles XII. & XIV of the Constitution, as amended in 1838 & 1840: in order that those articles may be printed in full as amended for the use of the members of the Society. The Sec. then read the following letter, to wit

"To the Bd. of Managers of the Soc. of Inquiry,

Gentlemen.

It becomes my duty to inform you that Bro. Atkinson was elected Chairman of the

Comtee on Romanism, Public Morals. & Infidelity, at its meeting in Sept. last, & yet fills the chair.

S. G. Moore
Nov. 24th. 1842. Sec. of the Comtee"

: whereupon the following preamble & resolution was adopted, viz,

Whereas, although the Bd. of Managers have received a note from the Sec. of the Comtee on Pub. Morals, Rom: Chh. & Infidelity, informing us that the Comtee did elect a Chairman in Sept. last, although the Bd. has never before been notified: & whereas that Chairman himself never has appeared in the Bd. up to this time & that in defiance of the Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Bd. therefore,

Resolved, That the Bd. do now proceed to elect a Chairman of that Comtee. Bro. Dodge was then nominated & elected Chairman of the Comtee on Pub. Morals, Rom: Chh. & Infidelity. On motion resolved that the Sunday School Journal be taken. Bro. Green was appointed Advocate of the Board. Adjourned with Prayer by bro. Scribner.

I. Johnston Walsh
Recording Sec.

Nov. 26th. 1842.
Special Meeting.

Board met & was opened with prayer by bro. Trimble. Roll called: absent, Chairman of the Comtee on Pub. Morals. Rom: Chh. & Infidelity, Green, Hepburn, Lowrie, Scribner, & Seelye. Minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted. Bro. Sterling presented an Excuse for absence which was accepted. Bro. J. C. Porter moved that a Comtee be appointed to superintend the construction of a moveable desk, of sufficient length to accom-

modate six papers. Lost. Bro. Mahaffey moved that a Comtee be appointed to superintend the erection of a Reading Desk between the 1st & 2d window of the Reading Room. Carried. Brs. Mahaffey, Brown & Culbertson appointed said comtee.

Moved that a dollar per month be allowed the Servant for attendance on the Reading Room. Lost.

Bro. Culbertson then moved a reconsideration of the motion made at the last meeting, respecting the Amendments of the Constitution. Carried. The original motion then being before the Bd., it was withdrawn & the following resolutions offered & carried, viz.

Resolved I. That a Comtee, consisting of the Pres. Vice Pres. & Recor. Sec. be appointed to condense & report to the Bd at its next regular meeting, the amendments to the Constitution & By-Laws, which have been made since 1835, together with such other amendments as they may deem expedient or necessary: Each article being written out in full as amended, in order that they may be printed, if the Bd shall so direct.

Resolved II. That the Comtees of Inquiry be instructed to read their annual reports & Essays in the order recommended by the resolution of the Bd of the 20th April 1841, until the report of the Comtee appointed by the above resolution shall have been acted upon.

Bro. Mahaffey moved that the Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Bd in reference to the Comtee on Pub. Mor., Rom. Cath., & Infidelity, be expunged. Lost. On motion resolved, that the Communication from bro. Dodge be read. The Sec. having read bro. Dodge's letter, it was on motion resolved, that the letter from bro. Dodge be received.

It was then on motion, resolved, That the Preamble & resolution passed at the last meeting of the Bd. in reference to the Comtee on Pub. Mors., Rom. Chh. & Infidelity, be now reconsidered. The original Preamble & resolution being then before the Bd., the following Preamble & Res. was moved as a Substitute, viz,

Whereas a member of the Comtee on Pub. Morals, Rom. Chh. & Infidelity, has stated facts respecting their action on the resolution of the Bd. of Managers of the 21th Oct. relating to the non representation of that Comtee in the Bd. which have satisfied us that the measure adopted at our last meeting in reference to that Comtee, was not best suited to settle the difficulty existing: & whereas the Bd. is now convinced that nothing improper was intended by them, therefore

Resolved That the Bd. confirm & ratify the Election of the person chosen by that Comtee as Chairman. Carried. Adjourned with prayer by bro. Williams.

J. Johnston Walsh
Recording Sec.

Dec 29th. 1842.

Thursday 2 o'clock. P.M.

Board met & was opened with prayer by bro. Green. Roll called: absent, Atkinson - Brown - Culbertson - Hepburn - Lowrie - R. M. Porter - Scribner & Sterling. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Brs. Green & Seelye presented excuses for absences which were accepted. The Cores. Sec.y of the Soc.y of Inquiry reported that a letter had been written & sent to Geneva, & that letters had been rec.d from the Soc.y of Inquiry in the New Albany Sem.y - from the Rev. J. Scudder, M.D., & from Mr Shuck of the China

Mission. The Standing Com. reported that $7.05. had been rec^d. in payment of sale of papers, & put in the hands of the Treasurer. The same Committee reported that the subscriptions for the N.Y. Observer, & Philadelphia Christian Observer had expired whereupon it was resolved that these papers be taken for another year. The Chairman of the Com. on Bibles & Tract Soc^s. & Religious Education, reported the name of bro. Thatcher as stricken from the roll of the Com. for non attendance on its meetings.

Moved by bro. Seelye that the "Christian Advocate & Journal" - a Methodist journal, be taken for a year. Carried. Moved that the Com. appointed to condense & report the Amendments to the Constitution & By-laws, be indulged till the next meeting. Carried.

Bro. Janvier was appointed Advocate of the Board.

Adj^d. with prayer by bro. Walsh.

J. Johnston Walsh
Recor. Sec^y. —

January 26th. 1843.

Thursday 2 P.M.

The Board of Managers met - and was opened with prayer by Br Lowrie. - Roll called - absent - T. C. Porter. Scribner - Sterling & Walsh - - On motion of. Bro Seelye. all the absentees of the last Meeting were excused.

minutes read and approved

The Corresponding Secretary read letters from the "Auburn" - and the "Western Theol Seminary which were accepted

The Chairman of the Standing Committee reported that the "Christian Advocate & Journal and the Sabbath S. Journal" had come to.

the Reading Room.

The Chairman of the "Committee on the Romish Church - Public Morals & Infidelity" reported the following as added to that Comm. during the present Session. viz "Christian. Cleland Chamberlain - Carpenter. French - W. H. Crew Moore - Pierson Thompson & Wilson.. and further stated that a copy of the address of the "American Protestant Association" had been received and would be placed in the Reading Room for the use of the Society -

The. Chairman of the "Committee on Sailors - Soldiers & Africans" reported that Br Logan had been added to that Committee and Br R. M. Porter. dismissed at his own request. Further reported that a Committee had been appointed to correspond with different individuals on subjects relating to their Department - and the propriety was suggested of having the expences of such correspondence borne by the Society -

The Chairman of the "Committee on Bibles. Tracts & Religious - Education" reported that Bro Lowrie had been dismissed at his own request -

The Chairman of the "Committee on Foreign Missions" reported - Bro French as added to that Committee -

Bro Wells presented a list of the Institutions in Europe with which the Rev Dr. Baird was desirous that the Society. should correspond - Thereupon moved by Bro Wells that such correspondence be opened - Carried

The Committee appointed to examine the books.

of the Several Committees &c. presented their Report which was accepted - It is as follows -

"Your Committee appointed in September last to examine the Record Books of the Several Committees of the Society of Inquiry and of the Corresponding Secretary would beg leave to submit the following Report -"

"The Minute Book of the "Committee on on Foreign Missions" during the last year has been kept with neatness and the proceedings of all the meetings have been regularly recorded - But few erasures appear - The word president is used for Chairman - The hand-writing is distinct - Their Constitution they have had rewind and transcribed neatly in a new-book - together with a register of the names of members of the Committee. By their Minutes of Oct 6. 1842 it appears that on account of Bro Lalor having left the Seminary by reason of ill health - an election was entered into for a President (which should have been Chairman). which resulted in the choice of Bro Lowrie. This election according to the popular interpretation of Art 1st Sec 13 of the Bye Laws - was illegal as it was entered into without Consent of the Board of Managers -

From their book it appears that they twice failed in their reports to the Society of Inquiry during the last year.

The Records of the "Committee on Domestic Missions and Revivals" during the last year manifest nothing in the State of the Committee indicative either of great negligence or great diligence -

The number of members is as great as the Constitution will admit - But a regular list of absentees of

from 6 to 8 - is copied from month to month - The book itself is kept with tolerable neatness & accuracy - A few blots appear and the minutes are frequently signed by a "Secretary pro tem" - indicating the absence of the regular Secretary Here also we find the word "President" is uniformly applied to the Chairman - But in general their records are kept with accuracy and but seldom betray marks of haste on the part of the Secretary -

The Minutes of the "Committee on Bibles Tracts and Education Societies" have been examined and we take pleasure in saying that they have been kept with regularity & neatness. It is with regret that we are obliged to say. that the members in general of this Committee have been less punctual than is desirable in the discharge of their duties. We believe however. they have always been ready to report to the Society of Inquiry. The list of Absentees is unusually black.

The Secretary's Book of the "Committee on Sailors - Soldiers & Africans." has been examined from January 20th 1841 to Dec 15. 1842. The Secretary at the earliest date kept the minutes in a very neat manner. but we cannot forbear to suggest to the Secretary the propriety of a reference to Walker. Webster or some other approved Dictionary. for the Orthography of the word "Colinization" A word of such common use deserves to be well spelt.

The Committee is thought to have gone beyond their authority by their Resolution which does not allow the resignation of members when any one may

choose to do so for good & sufficient reasons — They have failed to comply with the 7th art of their Constitution which requires that a members name be stricken from the roll. if he absent himself from the Committee — 3 meetings in succession without excuse.

The "Committee on Public Morals. Romish Church & Infidelity". The meetings of this Committee appear to have been held regularly every month with the exception of. December 1841. when — for some reason. unknown to us the meeting was omitted. The records of its proceedings are kept in a legible hand but are deficient — for the most part on the point of noting the rendering of excuses by absentees — From which we infer that the good old custom of calling delinquents to account. has nearly been abolished. If so a return to the custom is highly desirable From the continued absence of one member of this Committee. we deem it necessary to call their attention. to their bye-laws — an article of which. requires the name of a member to be erased after a certain number of absences.

The greater part of the members of this Committee appear to have been punctual in their attendance upon its meetings and their exercises have been conducted apparently with a commendable spirit

We feel it a duty incumbent on us also to make known that the knife. of the mutilator has been applied to the minute books of this Committee and that it has thus been deprived of two of its leaves greatly injuring thereby its otherwise good appearance — We feel constrained also

earnestly to recommend to the Committee that the utmost care be taken to prevent the repetition of an act so highly culpable.

The duties belonging to the office of "Corresponding Secretary" appear not to have been performed with entire faithfulness in the former part of the current year. There is no record made of letters sent from the time of the inspection of the books by the Committee of last year until after the present Secretary entered upon the duties of his office - But since that period your Committee take great pleasure in stating. The duties of the Department appear to have been discharged with great faithfulness The necessary entries have all been made with apparent neatness - accuracy and the Correspondence has been conducted with a zeal highly Commendable. Yet while the interior of the Secretary's book gives us entire satisfaction we cannot refrain in fulfilling our duty to take exception to the exterior - as this has to some extent been injured by the too free application of ink. But as we are fully convinced that this was occasioned by an accident to which all are liable. and not by any careless neglect on his part we are perfectly united in the opinion that the Secretary is free from any imputation of blame with regard to it" —.

Bro R.M. Porter was appointed advocate of the Board

Adjourned with prayer by Bro Culbertson

Joseph A. Russell
Sec pro Tem

Feb. 24th 1843.

Friday 2 o'clock P.M.

Board met & was opened with prayer by bro. Trimble. Roll called: absent, brs. Sawyer, Sterling & J.C. Porter. Minutes were read & approved. Brs. Seelye & Walsh were on motion, excused for absence at the last meeting. The Corresponding Secy of the Socy of Inqy reported that five letters had been written & sent to the different societies in Europe. The Chairman of the Standing Comtee reported that he had received for the sale of papers, the sum of $4.85, & placed it in the hands of the Treasurer. The Chairman of the Comtee on Domes. Missions reported that bro. Vanatta had been dismissed at his own request from that Comtee. The Chairman of the Comtee on Rom. Chh &c reported the name of bro. Thatcher as being stricken from the roll of that Com. for non attendance at its meetings. The Chairman of the Comtee on Sailors, Soldiers & Ships reported the name of bro. Trumbul as being stricken from the roll of the Com. for a similar cause.

On motion of bro. Mahaffey, resolved, That "the Spirit of the XIX Century" be bound.

On motion of bro. Walsh, resolved - That hereafter all the regular missionary Periodicals that come to the Reading Room, be bound at the expiration of the year, & placed in the Library.

On Motion of bro. Green, resolved - That a Comtee of 3 be appointed to ascertain who are members of the Socy, but not members of any of the Comtee's, & report the same to the Board at its next meeting. Brs. Green, Atkinson & Brown said Committee.

On motion of bro. Seelye, resolved - That the back Nos of the "Baptist Missionary Magazine" and the "Spirit of Missions" be procured to complete the set, & that they be bound & placed in the library. The Comtee

appointed to condense & report the Amendments to the Constitution & By Laws, were on motion continued, and instructed to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Bro Hepburn was appointed Advocate of the Board.

Adj? with prayer by bro. Seelye.

J. Johnston Walsh
Recording Sec?—

March 24th. 1843.

Thursday 2 O'clock P. M.

Board met & was opened with prayer by bro. J. C. Porter. Roll called: absent, bros. Lanvier-Lorrie. R. M. Porter, Sterling, Trimble, Williams & Atkinson. A motion was then made not to excuse bro. J. C. Porter for his last absence from the meeting of the Board, which was carried. The Corresponding Sec?. of the Soc?. reported that 4 letters had been written & sent during the month. The Committee to whom were referred the Amendments to the Constitution & By- Laws, reported as follows—

In compliance with the Resolution passed at a meeting of the Board of Managers, held in the Oratory Nov. 26th '42, the Committee appointed "to condense & report to the Board, the Amendments to the Constitution & By- Laws, which have been made since '35, together with such Amendments as they may deem expedient or necessary" beg leave to report as follows—

Art X of By- Laws

To be added as another section of Art X of the By- Laws— "Members of the Soc?. leaving the Seminary in debt to the Treasury, shall not be admitted to the list of Honorary members: and the names of such persons shall be reported to the Recording Sec?. by the Treasurer, & shall be entered in full in connection with the minutes of the first meeting of the Soc?. of Inq?. in every year."

Art II. Sec 5th of the By- Laws was amended by

Art II Sec 5. striking out the words "and receive" so that the Art. shall read thus — "It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Sec.y to register all letters written, and to record at least a synopsis of their contents in a book kept for the purpose."

Art II Sec 6. Art II. Sec. 6th. was amended by the insertion of the word "register", so as to read thus —
"He shall carefully register, preserve, & file all letters received in his Department, that at suitable intervals they may be arranged in volumes & be bound."

Art X. Sec 3. Art X. Sec 3d.

Your committee suggest that this article be amended so as to read thus — "Every member on his admission shall pay into the hands of the Treasurer the sum of $1.75; and the farther sum of $1.50 every succeeding term whilst he remains a member."

Art VIII Sec 1. And also that Art VIII. Sec 1. be so amended as to read thus —

The Annual Election of Officers shall take place on the day of the last regular meeting of the Soc.y in the Session, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Art VIII. Sec 2 And ——— Sec 2nd, to read thus —

The Election of an Orator & Essayist shall be made on the day of the first regular meeting of the Soc.y in the Session at 11 o'clock, P. M.

Art X Sec 2 And Art X, Sec 2nd. to read thus —

At the close of the Session of the Theo: Sem.y, an annual meeting shall be held, at which time an Oration on the Subject of Missions, and an Essay on some subject connected with the objects of the Soc.y shall be delivered by members previously appointed.

Art III. Sec 5 And Art III. Sec 5th. to read thus —

No more than ten minutes shall be allowed to a monthly report, nor more than forty-five minutes to

an Annual Report or Essay & the accompanying Exercises. The Annual Reports & Essays to be read in the following order.

Com. on For. Missions, an Essay in Nov. & a Report in May.
Com. on Pub. Morals, Romish Chh. & Infidelity, an Essay in Sept. & a Report in March.
Com. on Bible & Tract Soc.s & Relig.s Education, a Report in Oct. & an Essay in April.
Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans, a Report in Jan.y
Com. on Domes. Missions & Revivals, an Essay in Feb.y & a Report in December.

And Articles XII – XIII. & XIX, of the Constitution to read thus –

Constitution Art XII

Art XII. – The business of Inquiry on Missionary & other benevolent operations shall be conducted by five Committees of Inquiry, each to consist of not less than 5, nor more than 30 members. 1. On Foreign Missions – 2. On Domestic Missions & Revivals – 3. On Bible & Tract Soc.s & Religious Education – 4. On Public Morals, Romish Chh. & Infidelity. 5. On Sailors, Soldiers and Africans.

Art XIII. – The particular subjects to which the inquiries of each Committee shall extend are assigned as follows:

1. To the Committee on Foreign Missions – the general subject of For. Mis.s including the advance of the Spirit of Missions in Christian countries, operations in other lands, & the present attitude of the world towards the Gospel. The correspondence of the Soc.y with foreign Missionaries is conducted by this Committee.

2. To the Committee on Domestic Missions & Revivals – the enterprize of supplying the destitute of our own land with the gospel, & the efforts made by foreign Countries in behalf of home missions: together with accounts of existing or recent Revivals, the means blessed in their pro-

motion, with interesting cases of conversion, & the general results.

3. To the Committee on Bible & Tract Soc.s & Religious Education — the operations of these institutions & the general state of theological Education in this & other Countries, with such facts relating to the general progress of Education, as may be important.

4. To the Committee on Pub. Morals, Romish Ch, & Infidelity — all the means employed, or plans proposed by Temperance, Prison Discipline, Moral Reform, & Kindred associations for the improvement of public morals — the state of the Romish Church in this & other countries, efforts to propogate or oppose the system, its influence on the civil, social & moral condition of communities, with the efforts of Infidels to diffuse their poisonous principles.

5. To the Committee on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans — all efforts to improve the social & religious condition of Seamen, boatmen & soldiers, the best method of gaining access to these several classes of men, the peculiar character of Christian Sailors, & the connexion of the Seamen's cause with foreign missions; together with all efforts in behalf of the coloured people, including their Education, Colonization, emancipation, & other means to improve their moral, & intellectual condition.

Art XIV. Each of the Committees of Inquiry shall present to the Soc.y an annual Report, & an Annual Essay alternately, accompanied by such other exercises on the subjects assigned to it, as the Com. may think proper. Immediately preceding these reports, & succeeding the reading of letters & obituaries, Each Com. shall present a monthly report provided no Com. make a monthly report at the meeting when it presents an Annual Report or Essay.

W. W. Trimble
I. F. Green
I. I. Walsh.

The above report as presented to the Board was on motion accepted, & the Com. discharged. Separate action was then taken on the different Articles suggested by the Com, & resulted in the adoption of Art X. Sec 3d – Art VIII. Sec 1st to include Sec 2nd, & the whole article to read as follows – The Annual Election of Officers, Orator & Essayist, shall take place on the day of the last meeting of the Soc.y in the Session at 11 O'Clock, A. M. – Art X. Sec 2nd & Art III. Sec 5th. No action was taken on the Constitution, as it required a majority of 2/3 of the members of the Board present at a regularly notified meeting, & also that the proposed amendments shall have lain on the table four weeks.

It was then on motion of Br. Mahaffey resolved – That the New England Printer be continued another year.

On motion, resolved – That the Hastings Soc.y be requested to favor us with appropriate music at the coming ~~Session~~ Annual meeting.

On motion, resolved – That in consideration of the services of the Standing Com.tee, the annual tax due the Soc.y from them be remitted.

On motion resolved, That payment be made by the Treasurer to Mr Waggoner, for the ton of coal purchased by mistake this Session.

Bro. T. C. Porter appointed Advocate of the Board.

Adj.d with prayer by Bro. Seelye.

L. Johnston Walsh
Recording Sec.y

April 20th 1843

Thursday 2 o'clock P. M.

Special meeting.

Board met & opened with prayer by Bro Wells. Roll called. Reading of the Minutes postponed absent. Bmun, Scribner, Seeley, Sterling, Walsh, Millicans.

On motion, Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to defray from the funds of the Society the expenses incident to the visit of the Rev. O. Douglas & his companions to Princeton in compliance with the invitation of the students of the Seminary.

On motion, Bro Watson was elected Librarian pro. tem.

Adjd with prayer by Bro Janvier.

J. Johnston Walsh. Rec/Sec.

pro T. C. Porter Rec pro tem

April 27th. 1843.

Oration 2 o'clock, P. M.

Board met & in the absence both Presdt & Vice Presdt, Bro. Williams was chosen to preside. Opened with prayer by bro. Wells. Roll called: absent, Atkinson, Green, Lorrie, R. M. Porter, Sterling & Trimble. By an unanimous vote, all the absentees from the last meeting were excused. The Corresponding Secy reported the reception of 3 letters from the Seminaries in Columbia S. C. - Union, Va., & Andover, Mass. The Corresponding Secy of the Comtee on Foreign Missions reported the reception of a letter from Mr Dougherty. The Chairman of the Comtee on Bib. & Fract Secs & Religs Education reported the election of bro. McNair, as Chairman of that Comtee. The Chairman of the Comtee on Sailors, Soldiers and Africans reported the Election of bro. Chamberlain as

Chairman of that Comtee: & the Election of Woodbridge & Grinnell as members.

The Treasurer presented his Annual Report, which was accepted.

In consequence of the absence of the Librarian from the Seminary, there was no annual Report from this Department.

The Keeper of the Cabinet presented his Annual Report which was accepted.

The Standing Comtee presented their Annual Report, which was accepted.

A motion was then made to renew the subscription of "The Watchman of the South" and "The Presbyterian Advocate", which was passed. A motion was then made that the Standing Comtee be instructed to refuse taking from the Post Office the "London Record" which was lost: Whereupon it was Resolved That it be continued till the Bill (which has been ordered) comes. A motion was made & carried That Jeffrey be allowed a compensation of $9.00 instead of $7.00 as heretofore for his services in the Reading Room. Moved & carried that the 32 cts expended by the Comtee on Sailors, Sold's & Mric.ns for postage be included in the expenses of Mr Douglass to Princeton & defrayed by the Soc?.

The following preamble & resolution was then passed.— Whereas the Hastings Soc? having adj.d for the remainder of the Session & consequently unable to comply with the request made by the Board at their last meeting therefore, Resolved, that the services of the Volunteer Association be requested. Rev. Seelye appointed Advocate of the Board. Adj.d with prayer by Bro. Janvier.

I. Johnston Walsh
Recording Sec?

Special Meeting May 5. 1843.

Vice President in the Chair.

Board met and was opened with prayer by Br. Seeley. Roll called: absent Atkinson. Lownie, Sterling & Trimble. The object of the meeting having been stated, it was on motion resolved that Brs Williams. Jarvis & Love be a Committee to make arrangements for the Coming Annual meeting.

The Vice President having stated the delinquency of some of the Officers, suggested that this was the proper time for action if any was needed; when upon Br. Williams moved that the case of those brethren who failed to comply with the regulations of the Society in not presenting their reports be now taken up and acted upon. Carried. On motion of Bro. Seeley it was resolved to send for those brethren. Bro H. A. Brown was appointed to call them.

A motion was then made that the Keeper of the Cabinet, the Chairman of the Standing Committee & the Treasurer, be called upon for the reason of their delinquency. Carried. Whereupon they all assigned the same reason. viz. that they were not called upon at the proper time.

It was then on motion of Br Wells— Resolved that the Excuse rendered by the Keeper of the Cabt Chairman of the Standing Committee & Treasurer for not Reporting at the last meeting of the Society of Enquiry be received as Satisfactory.

Br R. M. Porter then moved that the

presiding officer be called upon for his excuse for not calling upon these brethren in the proper time. Lost.
It was then moved that the explanation informally given by the Vice Pres. be entered on the Secretary's book. Lost.
Adjourned with prayer by Br. Chamberlain.

I. Johnston Walsh
Recording Secretary

Sept. 28th 1843

Oratory 2 o'clock P.M.

Board met and was opened with prayer by Br. Loomis. Roll called — Absent Miller, Bannatyne & Hepburn. The Corresponding Secretary reported the reception of letters from the Theological School at Geneva — Missionary Institute — Bamen Rhenish Provinces — & Missionary Institute — Paris. The Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions reported that he had received a letter from Mr Davenport of Bankok — Siam and written two — one to I. I. Walsh — another to Dr. D. B. M. Carter
The Keeper of the Cabinet reported the reception of about 200 shells, a Specimen of Coral — & a spec. of Copper ore from South America from Rev. Mr Douglass — a tooth of a fossil animal from a Marl pit — Also a copy of the Koran from Mr Reese Morris — Indiana — And a Bible & other books in Arm. & Arm. Turkish from the press in Smyrna.
The Chairman of the Standing Committee reported that he had stopped the Boston Recorder and received the Jewish Chronicle & Christian Investigator.
The Chairman of the Com. on For. Miss. reported that at its last meeting Br. Loomis was elected Chairman and Dr Westcott Corresp. Sec.
The Chairman of the Com. on Sailors Soldiers & Africans reported that at their last meeting Messrs. Phillips & M. Phelps were elected members of Com.
A motion was then made that the receipt of the Copy of the Koran, reported by the Keep. of the Cab. be acknowledged in the Presbyterian & Lost.
On motion the Keep. of the Cab. was directed to write to Mr Morris returning the the thanks of the Society for the Copy of the Koran.
A petition was received from several members of the Seminary, desiring

the Board to subscribe for the "Newark Daily Advertiser" It was read & on motion laid upon the table.

A communication was received from the Theological Society requesting the Society of Inquiry to have certain periodicals taken at their expense, bound. On motion the Board agreed to comply with the request.

A motion was then made that the Society drop the four quarterly reviews and in their stead take the "Eclectic Museum". (Lost.)

On motion, the Board then resolved to subscribe for the "Evangelical Repository" & the "New Englander".

A resolution was then adopted that the Society open a Correspondence with the Theological Students of Belfast, Ireland.

A member having been Elected to the Standing Com. who was ineligible to the Office, the Board on mot. of Mr. Woodbridge, proceeded to an Election to fill the place, which resulted in the choice of Mr. Moore.

A motion was then made that at the close of each meeting of the Board the Minutes of the meeting be read. (Carr.)

Mr. Hodge was appointed Advocate and on motion the Board adjourned with prayer.

S. Belville
Rec. Sec.

Special Meeting Oct. 5th 1843.

Board met - Opened with prayer by Mr Dawies.

It was moved & seconded that the Corresponding Sec. of the Com. on Foreign Missions be instructed to write to the Rev. Dr. Boone of the Episcopal Mission to China, now in this country, requesting him to favor us with a visit at such time as shall be convenient to him. (Carr.)

The President then presented to the Board

the resignation of Mr Bannatyne as Librarian of the Society — the resignation was accepted & on motion, the Board went into an Election to supply the vacancy, which resulted in the choice of Mr Reiley.
On Motion, the Cor. Sec. of the Com. on For. Miss. was authorized to draw on the Treasurer for funds to pay the Expenses of Dr. Boone if he should pay us a visit.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro Love
D. A. Brown
Sec. pro tem.

October 26th 1843.

Oratory 2 o'clock P. M

Board met - opened with prayer by Mr Chamberlain.

Roll — Roll called - absent Mr Reiley. The minutes of the last regular meeting and the Special meeting were read and approved. The absentees from the last meeting were on motion Excused.

Reports C.S. — The Corr. Sec. reported that letters had been written to the Theological Students of Andover, Auburn - Bangor and Belfast - Ireland and also to the Theo. Students adhering to the free church - formerly of the

C.S. C.F.M. — University of Edinburgh. The Corr. Sec. of the Com. on Foreign Missions reported that letters had been written to the Rev.d R M Loughridge Miss. to the Creeks and R. W. Sawyer Miss. to

K. C. — Western Africa. The Keeper of the Cabinet reported the receipt of a copy of St John's Gospel and a copy of Scripture proper names, in Siamese, from Wm. B. Buell of Bang Kok.

Cr C.F.M. — The Chn of the Com. on Foreign Missions reported that at their last meeting Messrs. Irving, Kollock, Scudder, Thomas, VanDyke, & Hodge were elected Members and Mr. S. K. Hughes at his own

Cr C.D.M. — request dismissed. The Chn of the Com. on Dom. Missions reported that at their last meeting Mr. Cheney was Elected a member.

The Chn of the Com. on Bib. Tr. & Relig. Ed. reported the Election of the following members - Messrs. Goodman, McCullough Mills, Buchanan & Newell. The Chn of the Com. on Public Morals - Romish Church & Infidelity reported the ad-

mission of Messrs. Farquhar, Stewart & Kennedy, and the resignation of Mr. Chamberlain. The Ch.n of the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans reported the election of Messrs. Cuyler, Lacey, Scott, Johnston & Torrance as Members — Also that the Princeton Floating Library for Seamen had been taken under the care of Committee. The Ch.n of the Standing Committee reported that he had purchased a stove for the Reading Room - had 29 vols. bound and received "The Home & For. Mis. Record of the Free Church of Scotland", & "The New Englander."

Mr. Brown moved that the Board obtain "the Princeton Rep." gratuitously if possible, by subscription, if not - (Carried)

Mr Culbertson moved that the Board subscribe for the — "London Missionary Register." (Carried)

Mr Leslie offered his resignation as Keeper of the Cabinet which was accepted. The President then presented the Resignation of Mr Reiley as Librarian which was accepted.

On motion - the Board went into an Election to fill the vacancies occasioned by these resignations which resulted in the choice of Mr. French — Keeper of the Cabinet & Mr. Watson Librarian — Mr Chamberlain was appointed Advocate of the Board.

Adjourned with prayer —

A. Belville
Rec. Sec.y

November 23rd 1843.

Oratory 2 O'clock P. M.

Board met - and was opened with prayer by Mr Moore Roll called — absent Messrs. Lansing, Watson, Westcott & Woodbridge. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The Corresponding Secretary reported that letters had been written during the month to the Theo. Sem.y at New Albany Ind.a and Allegheny Penn.a and to the Missionary Institute at Paris, France.

The Chairman of the Com. on Foreign Missions reported that Messrs Rogers & Hale had been added to the Committee.

The Chairman of the Com. on Dom. Miss. reported that Messrs Dorland, Hughes, Goldsmith & Young had been added to the Committee. The Chn. of the Com. on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity reported the addition of Messrs Dorland & Thompson to the Committee. The Chn. of the Com. on ~~Bible & Tract Societies and Relig. Education~~ Sailors & Soldiers & Africans reported the admission of Messrs. Crane & O. Park and the resignation of Mr Newell. The Chn. of the Standing Committee reported that he had subscribed for the Princeton Whig. The Chairman of the Com. on Dom. Miss. then read an extract from their minutes requesting the Board to receive their Corr. Sec. as a member of the Board on the same footing with the Corr. Sec. of the Com. on For. Miss — laid over till next meeting.

Miscellany. It was then moved and seconded that the subscription to the Commercial Advertiser be continued (carried.) Moved & seconded that the subscription to the Pennsylvanian be continued. An amendment was offered that the Newark Daily Advertiser be substituted in the place of the Pennsylvanian which was lost. Another amendment was then offered that the Ledger be substituted - (lost.) The original motion then came up and was carried. A motion was then made that the Board subscribe for the Jewish Chronicle (carried). On motion the Chairman of the Standing Committee was directed to write to the Editors of the London Record, to know if that paper is sent gratuitously and if not to request them to discontinue it (~~carried~~.) On motion the Ch. of the Standing Com was directed to make the usual appropriation to the National Intelligencer. It was moved & sec. that a com. of three be appointed to ascertain what members of Society do not belong to Committees and report the same at the next meeting. Messrs Culbertson - Hepburn & Loomis were appointed the Committee. Mr. Moore was appointed advocate of the Board

Adjourned with prayer

J. Belville
Rec. Sec.

January 25th 1844.

Oration 2 o'clock P.M.

Board met & was opened with prayer. The Roll was called - absent Mr. French. The Corr. Sec. reps. the receipt of letters from the Miss. Institute Hamburgh. and from the Stud. of Theology in the Royal Colly Belfast Ireland. The Corr. Sec. of the Com. on For. Miss reported that letters had been written to Revs D. Anderson - Lexas P. Dougherty - Chippeway Indians - N Hamilton & Mr Dean - Iowa — J Perkins Oroomiah - Persia — W. Goodell, Constantinople —— W W Wilson N. Ind. W P Bull, Siam — Dr Bown - now in this country and Rev R Armstrong Sandwich Islands. The Chn of standing Com. reported that the Evang. Repository - Christn Family Mag. - Jewish Chronicle & National Intelligencer had been received. The Chn of the Com. on Bib. Tracts & Relig. Ed. reported the addition of Mr Seelye. On mot. the Libn was authorized to have the lock on the Libn case repaired.

The Com. app. to report to the Board those members of Soc. who are not members of Coms. made their report which was accepted and on motion the Com. were discharged and the Secy directed to inform the members concerned that if not members of Com. before the next meeting of the Board the Const. requires that their names be stricken from the list of Society

Mr Brown then offered his resignation of the Office of Corr. Secy which was accepted.

A mot. was then made that no person be allowed hereafter to leave the Reading Room. Said mot.

On mot. a com. ~~was of~~ consisting of Messrs. Lloyd, Culbertson & Hepburn were appointed to propose amendments to the

Constitution. On mot. the Board went into an election for Corresp. Secy which resulted in the choice of Mr. Miller. Mr Bannatyne was elected to fill the place vacated by Mr Miller and Mr Hodge was elected 2nd Assistant in place of Mr Woodbridge whose resig. was presented by the President at a previous meeting.
On mot. a com. cons. of Messrs. Watson, Miller and Dodge were app. to prop. at the next meet. of ye Board a list of books to be purchased by Socy. Mr Loomis was app. advoc. of Board. The minutes were then read & the Board

Adjourned with prayer
J Belville Secy.

February 22nd 1844.

Oratory 2 P.M.

Board met and was opened with prayer by Mr Westcott. Roll called - absent Messrs. Bannatyne & Hodge. The minutes of the last meeting were then read & accepted. Mr French was excused for previous absence. The Cor. Secy reported the receipt of four letters viz. 1. from the Soc. of Ingy of the Newton Theo. Inst. 1. from the Society of Ingy of ye Western Theo. Sem. 1. from the Soc. of Ingy of the Theo. Sem. of New Albany & 1 from ye Edinburgh University Missy Association. The Cor. Secy of ye Com. on For. Miss. reported the receipt of letters from Revd William Hamilton - Iowa & Sac Mission & from Mr Lee Irwin of the same. Also that letters had been written to Rev. Ozro French Servor Hindoostan, & J L. Wilson Gaboon W. Africa. J. D. Benno Seminole Agency. Ark. & Rev Geo H Apthorp Ceylon. The Keeper of ye Cabinet reported the receipt of a small silver coin of the time of Charles 2. from Mr Love, some curiosities from China by Mr Morrison - some minerals from Mr Sterling and a specimen of sea weed.

The Chairman of ye Com. on Bib. Tracts & Relig. Education reported that Mr McCoy had been added to Com. The Ch^n of ye Com. on Public Morals — Romish Ch. & Infidelity reported that Messrs Pierson & Stewart had been cut off from Com. for non attendance. The Ch^n of ye Com. on Sailors, Seedmen and Africans reported the addition of Messrs. Buchanan & Peacock. The Secretary reported that according to the resolution of ye Board passed at the last meeting, Messrs J. Mitchell & A. Wilson were no longer members of Society. The Com. app. at ye last meeting to propose amendments to the Constitution, made their report which was accepted. The Com. app. to propose a list of books to be added to the Lib^y recommended the following books.

Jarvis History of the Sandwich Islands.
Perkins residence in Persia
Medhurst's China
Duff on India
Davis's history of China
History of American Missions
Jones on the Education of negroes in the South.
Jones's Catechism
Moffatt's Southern Africa
Williams Miss. Enterprise
Dibbles history of the Sandwich Islands
Life of Mrs. Winslow
do. Mrs. Newell, Judson, Smith & Boardman
do. Mr Williams.
Lawrie's Northern India
Jarvis's sketch of the Sandwich Islands
Malcolm's travels in India.
Scenes in the wilderness
Gales court of the Gentiles

Also the minutes of the Gen. Assemblies (Old & New School) for 1843, and the Quarterly review of the Protestant Association. The report was accepted and on mot. it was resolved that the Standing Committee be directed to purchase the books, not in the Lenox Library, in the order recommended as money becomes available in the Treasury provided that the minutes of the Assemblies and the Quarterly review of the American Protestant Association be first procured.

A petition was then received from several members of Society requesting that the Board subscribe for the Edinburgh Witness which was on motion referred to a committee of three to report at the next meeting. The following resolution offered at the last meeting of the Board, by the Chn of the Standing Committee, then came up ~~and was carried~~. Resolved, that the following be proposed to Soc. as an addition to the Bye Laws — "No periodical shall be allowed on any condition to leave the Reading Room". An amendment was offered by Mr Culbertson viz. "that this resolution be confined to the Quarterly Reviews", which was lost. The original motion then came up and was carried. Mr Culbertson was appointed advocate of the Board.

Adjourned with prayer

J. Belville
Rec. Secy

Special meeting

Friday Feby 23rd 8¾ A.M.

Board met and was opened with prayer by Mr Lovins. The Chn of the Com. on Pub. Mor. Rom. Ch. & Infidelity moved that he be allowed to withdraw his report made at the last meeting. The mot. was carried. Mr Culbertson ~~made~~ proposed further amendments to the Constitution which were laid over till next meeting. Adjourned with prayer J. Belville Recd Secy

March 28th

Board met & was opened with prayer by Mr Moore. Absent Messrs Belville Hodge Watson Janvier & Bannatyne. The min. of the last reg. meeting and of the special meeting were read & approved The Cor. Secy reported a letter from the Hamilton Literary & Theo. Inst. The Cor. Secy of ye Com. on For. Miss. reported letters from. W. M. Lowrie China & R. M. Loughbridge Creek Miss. Ark. & that letters had been written to W. N. Norris Buenos Ayres. & Francis R Holland. Morav. Miss, Fairfield Jamaica. The Chn of the Standing Com. rep. that the "Quarterly Rev. of the Prot. Ass." "Min. of the Gen. Ass. (O.S) for 1843. had been recd. & the Chn Advocate & Journal discontinued. The Chn of the Com. on Dom. Miss. reported th. Messrs. Merrill & McCoy had been added to Com. Chn of Com. on Sailors &c. reported the adds of Messrs Gosman, Tarquhar & Scudder. The Com. app. to consider the propriety of subs. for the "Edinburgh Witness," reported favorably — The report was accepted but the Board refused to adopt it. On mot. a com. of three consist. of Messrs. Chamberlain, Miller & Moore were app. to make inquiries in relation to the London Record and to order its discontinuance unless sent gratuitously.

On Mot. the Standing Com. were directed to have the Catholic Herald bound and to sell the Protestant Vindicator. Also if possible to have a catalogue of the books in the Library made out during vacation. The following books were reported as having been purchased. viz

China & the Chinese by Davis 2 vols

Religious Instruction of Negroes

Davis Sandwich Islands
History of American Missions
Dibbles Sandwich Islands
Malcoms Travels in India
Lowries Northern India
Medhurst China
Life of Boardman
Life of Jno Williams
Moffats Southern Africa
Perkins Persia

The Board then went into an election of Treasurer & Librarian, to supply the places of Messrs Sanford & Watson who have left the Seminary, which resulted as follows: Mr Cook Treasurer and Mr Irwin Librarian - Mr Bannatyne one of the assistant Cor. Secretaries having resigned his office Mr Trumbull was elected in his place -

It was then on motion resolved that when the Board adjourn it adjourn to meet in the Oratory immediately after the speaking of the Second class in order to take into consideration the amendments to the constitution proposed at a previous meeting

Mr Lowe was appointed Advocate of the Board -

On motion Board adjourned - Closed with prayr by Mr Miller

Adjourned Meeting

Thursday 8 1/2 P. M

Board met agreably to adjournment & resolved to propose to Society the following amendment to the Constitution Article 3 - for "Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions" read "Corresponding Secretaries of the Committee on Foreign & Domestic Missions"

Amendments to the By-Laws

Art 1st. Sec 5th for "Semi-Annual" read "Annual"

" " " 6th add the words "Or on appeal from their action

" 2nd " 7th Strike out the words "Kept by the Sec.° or"

" 3rd " 3rd " " " " word "Summer"

" " " 10th for "as often as the Board may direct" read "At each regular meeting of the Board"

" 4th " 1st for - "In the Winter Session from half past two till half past three in the Summer Session" read "P M during term time"

" " " 10th for - "On signing a written promise to conform" read "provided they conform"

" 5th " 4th to be added "de novo" "All pamphlets reserved by the Board of Managers to be bound, shall at the expiration of a month after their reception, be placed in the hands of the librarian & be subject to all the rules of the library

" 7th " 1st. Strike out the whole section & substitute the following "No publication shall be made by the Board of Managers without the consent of the Society"

" " " 6th. Insert the word "either" after the word "committee" & strike out all after the word "Society"

" 8th " 1st for "Winter" read "next" & after the word "officers" insert "and of orator and essayist with their alternates"

" " " 3rd For "Section 3rd" read "Section 2nd" and for "plurality" read "majority"

" 9 " 19th to be added "de novo" "The By-Laws may be suspended by the Society for a

specific object & a limited time by a vote of three fourths of the members present.

Article 10th Sec 3. Add to this Section there ends "From the Payment of this Sum the members of the Standing Committee & the Librarian shall be exempt during their official term

Article 10th Sec 7th For "first" read "third"

Article 3rd Sec 5th (De novo) If any member of the Society shall fail to connect himself with one of the committees of Inquiry within two months after his election his name shall be stricken from the rolls of the Society

Article 3rd Sec 6 (De novo) When any member shall have been absent from three successive Meetings of ~~the Board~~ his committee without a satisfactory excuse it shall be the duty of the Comm^e to strike his name from their roll & report the case to the Board of Managers. Any member thus reported shall be debared the privileges of the library & reading room for two months, & if in that time he fail to connect himself with some committee or if the offence be repeated he shall (when the fact is made known to the Board of Managers) cease to be a member of the Society

Article 5th Sec 5. None but members of the Society shall enjoy the advantages of the Reading Room This however shall not exclude the visits of Strangers

Motion was made that the Standing committee be exempted from the fees. Carried. A Comm^e of three was appointed to make arrangements in

regard to music for the Annual Meeting
Board adjourned
J Belville Secy

April 25th 1844.
Oratory, 2 o'clock P.M.

The Board met, and in the absence of the President & Secretary, Mr. Hepburn was called to the Chair, and Mr. Miller appointed secretary pro tem. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Miller. Absent Messrs Belvills, Culbertson, Dodge, Moore, Sloyd, Hodge & Trumbull. The reading of the minutes of the last — an adjourned meeting, was, on motion, dispensed with: the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Cor. Sec. of the Soc. reported the receipt of a letter from the Missionary Students at Paris

The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on For. Miss. reported a letter sent to the Rev. Mr. Comstock, Burmah; and one received from Rev. J. Johnston Walsh, Calcutta.

The Keeper of the Cabinet reported the receipt of two cases of insects from the Rev. W. M. Lowrie, China; and a copy of the Chippewa Primer, compiled by the Rev. Peter Dougherty, presented by Walter Lowrie, Esquire.

Mr. Love presented the annual Report of the Standing Committee to the Soc. of Inquiry.

The Treasurer reported the names of all the members indebted to the Society. It was resolved that Mr. Franklin Merrill be released from the payment of his dues.

The Chairman of the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans, reported that Mr. Rice had been appointed Chairman, and Mr. Cuyler Sec. of that Com. for the next year.

The Com. appointed at the last meeting to make inquiry in relation to the London Record, &c. reported that they had been unable to fulfil their duty as yet, & requested to be continued;

which report was accepted & their request granted.

The Com. appointed at the last meeting to procure music for the Annual Meeting of the Soc. reported, that the Sacred Music Soc. of the Seminary, had agreed to conduct the singing on that occasion.

It was moved & seconded, that the Keeper of the Cabinet be requested to acknowledge or procure the acknowledgement of all articles presented to the Cabinet.

Moved & Seconded, that this resolution be amended so as to direct the acknowledgement to be made in "The Presbyterian". Lost.

The original motion was then put & carried.

Resolved that a Com. of three be appointed to examine the Books of the several Committees of the Soc. and report upon their condition to the Board. Messrs Chamberlain, French & Mc. Nair appointed the Committee.

Resolved, that when we adjourn, it be to meet on Monday next, at 2 of. P.M. to hear the report of the Com^tee just appointed.

Mr. Mc. Nair was appointed Advocate of the Board, which then adjourned.

Prayer by Mr. Chamberlain

S. Miller Jr.
Sec. pro. tem.

April 29th 1844.
Adjourned Meeting. Oratory 2 o'clock P.M.

The Board met, Mr. Hepburn in the Chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr. French. Absent Messrs Belville, Culbertson, Moore, Lloyd, Hodge, Trumbull, & Love.

Resolved, that the report made to the Board by the Treasurer at its last Meeting, be accepted and inserted upon the Minutes.

Mr. Chamberlain from the Committee appointed to Examine the Books of the several Committees of the Soc., &c. &c.

offered the following Report: —

The Committee appointed by the "Board of Managers" to examine the Minutes of the several Committees of the Society of Inquiry, having performed that duty respectfully submit the following Report.

"Committee on Public Morals, &c."

While we find something in the Minutes of this Committee to commend, there is much to Censure. The Secretary has been too sparing of his ink & paper. He often gives the proceedings of this important Committee in a few lines; & that too with the constant occurrence of abbreviations & ellipses. This often produces obscurity, and, in one instance, renders a part of the Minute utterly unintelligible. There is no notice whatever of any meeting in the Month of Decr. Instances of absence and non-performance of duty are not infrequent.

"Committee on Domestic Missions."

There has not been so much care taken with these minutes as might have been; though they will not suffer in comparison with those of some other Committees. The Orthography is good except in one or two instances, which are owing evidently to negligence. Absences are very numerous. Many of the members have been absent more than half of the time; and some of them two, three & even four times in succession. There have been frequent failures in the performance of the assigned and regular duties. More interest seems to have been manifested by the members towards the Close of the Session than at the Commencement.

"Committee on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education".

The Minutes are written in a legible hand, though there is sometimes a want of care & neatness. Some pages are marred by interlineations and strokes of the pen over parts of sentences. The spelling is good. Many absences are recorded: Some members were absent a number of meetings in succession: also

many failures to perform the duties assigned at the previous meeting, amounting to nearly one half! These last two defects, absence & failing to report, together with a want of spirit & interest are the greatest which appear from the Minutes.

"Committee on Sailors, Soldiers, & Freedmen".

There is so much that is reprehensible in these Minutes, that we hardly know how to begin or what to say. In the first place, they are written in a Scrawling & careless hand. 2dly The is open war proclaimed against the rules of Orthography Syntax & Rhetoric. 3dly There is great circumlocution and obscurity so that it is frequently impossible to see what the writer is driving at. The word government is generally written govenment. Blots, interlineation and erasures are frequent. The regular attendance of the members, and the faithful performance of duty manifest an interest and sense of personal responsibility worthy of all Commendation. In these Minutes there is sometimes undue prominence given to certain things: for instance, one whole page is devoted to five words, written in Characters of immoderate size, with a large hand pointing to the opposite page. Having taken notice of the sententious brevity of the Secy of another Committee, had we time we might speak of the prolix detail in this. But we leave this branch of our business by remarking, that notwithstanding the defects before mentioned, the following remarkable resolution is appended to one of the Minutes, viz:

"Resolved, That the thanks of Committee be tendered to the Secy for the able & satisfactory manner in which he has performed his duties."

"Committee on Foreign Missions."

We cannot find language to express the satisfaction which we experienced in looking over these Minutes. We carefully examined them, but found no ground of Complaint. We recommend to members of the Soc. of Inqy to Examine the late Minutes of this Committee, which embody so many excellencies.

Your Committee beg leave to suggest to the Soc. of Engr. that more attention should be given to the discharge of the duties of the several Committees, and especially to see that the Minutes be kept neatly & accurately; and that no pains be spared to keep up a lively interest in the Committees, since any deficiencies here will essentially affect the Character & Standing of the whole Society.

Chamberlin,
Mc. Nair,
French,
} Committee.

On Motion this report was accepted; and the Board adjourned. Prayer by Mr. Chamberlin.

Appendix.

Report of the Treasurer, submitted April 25th, 1844 and ordered April 29th to be inserted in the Minutes.

The Treasurer begs leave to submit to the Board, agreeably to the Constitution, the following Report of the names of members who are in arrears to the Society, with the sums due from them respectively:—

First Class.

Bellville,	$1.50	Larkin,	$1.50
Knox	3.00	Morgan,	1.50

Sterling (Who thinks he has paid, but is not credited) 1.50

Second Class.

Grinnold, (last Sess.) $1.50.

Mills (Who thinks he should pay only 25 cts, because Bro. Poage told him he might be a member of a committee, for 25 cts a year) $3.25

(...) owed only $1.75 (which he paid promptly) instead of what was charged against him)
Still owes $3.25 − 1.75 = $1.50

Third Class.

T. Wilson,	$1.75	Rowell,	$1.75.
	First Class	$9.00	
	Second Do.	6.25	
	Third Do.	3.50	
Total — Three Classes —		$18.75	

Respectfully Submitted — D. Cook — Treas.r

Samuel Miller, Jr. Sec.y pro. tem.

Special Meeting.

May 3.d 1844. Oratory 3 o'clock P. M.

The Board met, and was opened with Prayer by Mr. Culbertson, Vice President, who took the Chair in the absence of the President. Absent Messrs Bellville, Lloyd, Hodge, Young, Dodge, &c.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read. It was mentioned that Mr. Trumbull, who had been Chosen associate Cor. Sec.y and was marked as an absentee from the last meeting, was not a member of the Soc.y With this Corrections the Minutes were approved.

Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to have 500 Copies of the Constitution & By Laws of the Soc.y printed; and that the Chairman of the Board be Chairman of that Committee.

Committee, Messrs Culbertson, Miller & Chamberlin.

The Board adjourned. Prayer by Mr. Hepburn.

Samuel Miller, Jr. Sec. pro. tem.

August 30th 1844.

Oratory 2 o'clock P.M.

The Board met.— in the absence of the President. Mr. French. the Vice Pres. took the Chair. Opened with
Roll — prayer by Mr. Scott. Absent Mssrs. Westcott. Cuyler. Murrell, Cook. Rice & Hamil. The minutes of last-
Reports. meeting were read & approved.

Cor Sec. Cor. Sec. reported letters written to the Societies of Eng. of the Southern & of Union Theol. Seminaries: And one received from Mr. Ira Tracy. North Amherst.

C.S.C.F.M. The Cor. Sec of the Com. on For. Missions reported a letter rec'd fr. Mr. L. Lauvier. Lodiana: & one from Mr. D. B. McCarter. Macao. China.

C.S.C.D.M. The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Dom. Miss. reported a letter received from Mr. Alexander Williamson. Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Logansport Ind.: and a letter written to the stated clerk of the Pres. of Michigan.

St. Com. The Standing Com. reported that during the vacation. two new publications have been rec'd. — the Herald of Religious Freedom. published at St. Louis. and the Presbyterian of the West at Springfield. Ohio.

C. Dom. M. The Chairman of the Com. on Dom. Miss. &c. reported that Mr. Wallace had been Elected Chairman of that Com. & Mr. Mattoon Cor. Sec.

B. Tracts &c. The Chairman of the Com. on Bibles. Tracts. &c. reported Mr Stebbins as their Chairman.

F. Miss. The Chairman of the Com. on For. Miss. being absent.— Mr. Scott reported that Mr. Hamil had been elected Chairman. and himself Cor. Sec.

P.M.R.Ch &c. The Chairman of the Com. on "Pub. Morals. Rom. Ch. & Infidelity" reported that Mr. French had been elected Chairman. but. in consequence of his being a member of the Board. a new Election will take place at their next meeting.

Com on Const. & By L. The Com. appointed at the last meeting of the Bd. to have 500 copies of the Constitution & By Laws of the

Soc. printed, reported that they had fulfilled their commission and deposited the Copies of the newly printed Constitution & By Laws with the Sec. of the Soc. — And presented the Printers bill
Bill. for the Same. Amounting to Sixteen Dollars. — It was then moved and Carried that an appropriation be made to met the above expense.

Com. The Com. appointed in March. to make inquiries respecting
L. Record. the London Record. & Stop it unless Sent gratuitously. reported. that they had ordered the discontinuance of said paper & rec'd. the following bill for past Subscription.

(See Appendix.)

Amounting to.

Com. On motion it was resolved that a Com. of three be ap-
to pointed to examine the above bill. and report at the next
exam meeting of the Board. — Messrs. Irving. Scott. Wallace were appointed.

On motion of the Cor. Sec. it was resolved that a cor-
Cor. respondence be opened with the Soc. of Eng. of the Hamilton Lit. & Thol. Institute. Hamilton N.Y. and with the Soc. of Eng. of Thol. Semy. at Mercersburg Pa.

Messrs. Goodman & Young offered their resignations
Resig. as members of the Standing Com. which were accepted.

Messrs. Bullions & Anderson were elected to fill the vacancies.

N. J. Ad. Motion was made that the Newark Daily Advertiser be taken in the Reading Room. — lost.

It was then moved & carried that the Subject be reconsidered and laid over till the next meeting.

Gen. Assem Motion was made & Carried that the Standing Com be directed to procure the Minutes of the Last Gen. Assem.

Mr. Cuyler was appointed advocate of the Board. & on motion Soc. adj'd. Closed with Prayer by Mr. Wallace

David H. Pierson —
Rec. Sec'y. —

Thursday September 26th 1844.

Oratory 2 O.C. P.M.

Board met and was opened with prayer by the president. Absent Messrs Merrill & Rice. Messrs Cook and Hamill & Wescott were excused for absence at the last meeting of the Board.

The Cor. Sec. to the Soc. of Inquiry reported that no letters had been written or received during the last month. The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on F. Ms. made a similar report.

The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on D. Ms. reported that letters had been written to Rev. J. G. Bergen, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Sangamon Mich. and Rev. Joshua Phelps Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Florida.

The Secy. of the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans, in the absence of the Chairman, reported the names as added to that Com. at their last meeting. Messrs Doo, Custer, Duffield, A. Rice, Alexander, Depue, Reese, McNeely, Irving & Hoge; and that several applicants had to be rejected in consequence of the constitutional limitation to the numbers.

The Chairman of the Com. on Bibles, Tracts and Rel. Education reported the following names added to that Com. at its last meeting Messrs, Samuel Miller Jr. D. S. Anderson & N. David.

The Chairman of the Com. on P. Morals, R. Church & Infidelity reported that Mr Stewart had been chosen Chairman of that Com, and the following names added to it the last meeting. Messrs. H. J. David, C. R. Lane, A. D. Mitchell, J. A. Reiley, Mr Schenck Mr Wailes, A. S. Williams, and R. J. Williams.

The Chairman of the Com. on F. Missions reported the following gentlemen having joined that Com. at its last meeting. Messrs Cameron, Cattell, Dickmore, Depue, Eakins, Lacy, Potter, Ryerson Schenck, Wailes, D. S. Anderson, R. G. Williams, & A. S. Williams.

The Com. appointed at the last meeting to examine the bill for the London Record reported, That so far as they had been able to judge the several items of the bill were correct, and recommended that it be paid as soon as possible. The report was accepted.

And on motion it was resolved that an appropriation be made for that purpose, and that it be paid to Messrs Goodhue & Co. N. York.

The motion relative to the "Newark Daily" was again postponed until next meeting.

An election being held for Rec. Sec. to supply the vacancy occasioned by the absence of Mr Pierson, it resulted in the choice of Mr Saml. Miller Jr. Mr Hamill was appointed Advocate of the Board, & on motion the Board adjourned. Closed with prayer by Mr Irving.

Wm. M. Scott,
Rec. Sec. pro. tem.

Thursday, October 24th 1844.

Oratory 2½ O'clock.

Board met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Merrill. Absent Messrs Buchanan, Irving, Rogers, Bullions, ~~[illegible]~~ Rice, Stebbins, Stewart. Mr. Merrill was excused for absence from the previous meeting.

The Cor. Secy. of the Soc. of Inquiry made no report.

The Cor. Secy. of the Committee on For. Miss. reported letters received from the Rev. J. Perkins Ooroomiah, and the Rev. O. French Seroor, India; and written to the Rev. W. M. Lowrie, China Mission; to Dr. D. B. McCartee, Macao, China, and the Rev. J. J. Walsh, Northern India.

The Cor. Secy. of the Comm. on Dom. Miss. & Revivals reported letters written to the Rev. J. Purviance of the Presbytery of Louisiana; and the Rev. J. A. Clayton of the Presby. of Michigan.

The Keeper of the Cabinet was not present to report.

The Chairman of the Comm. on For. Miss. reported the resignation of Messrs Merrill, Hodge & Mattoon, as members of that committee; and the election to membership of Messrs Davis, Duffield, Giles, Gosman, Owen & Todd — as many as the constitutional limitation permits.

The Chairman of the Comm. on Domest. Miss. &c. reported Mr.

Mills as dismissed at his own request; and Messrs. Barnard, Bogle, Crittenden, Eells, Drysdale, Freedland, Giles, Porter, Shinn, White, & Woods elected members.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Comm. on Sailors, Soldiers, and Africans, Mr. Cuyler from that Comm. reported the resignation of Mr. Sove, and the admission of Mr. Porter.

A member of the Committee on Pub. Morals, Rom. Ch. & Infid. in the absence of the Chairman, stated that no meeting of that Comm. had yet taken place.

The motion relative to the Newark Daily Advertiser, Postponed until this meeting at the last, was by permission of the Board withdrawn.

Resolved, That a Comm. of two be appointed to inquire & report whether any & what members of the Soc. have not yet joined a Committee of Inquiry.

Messrs French & Hamill were appointed the Comm.

Resolved, That it be the duty of the Standing Committee to transcribe the Rules of the Reading Room, in a legible hand, and post them on the door of the Reading Room.

The Treasurer offered to make the report required by Art. X, Sect. 4 of the By-Laws; but on Motion it was resolved that the hearing of this report be postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Merrill was appointed advocate of the Board, which adjourned after Prayer by Mr. Mattoon.

Samuel Miller, Jr. Sec.

Thursday, November 28th 1844.

Oratory, 1½ O'clock P.M.

Board met, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Stebbins—
Absent, Messrs. Wisted, Miller, Rogers and Stewart— Messrs
Buchanan, Bullions, Irving & Stebbins were excused for
absence from the previous meeting—
The Cor. Sec. of Soc. of Inquiry made no report— The Cor.
Sec. of the Com. on For. Miss. reported that letters had been
written to Rev. Dan'l. W. Miller, Missionary to Texas, and Rev.
A. R. Boisington, Batticotta, Ceylon— The Cor. Sec. of
the Com. on Dom. Miss. reported that letters had been written
to Rev. Benjamin Ogden, of Lake Presbytery, & Rev. Michael
Hummer of Iowa Presbytery—
The Chairman of the Com. on For. Miss. reported that Mr.
D.S. Anderson had been dismissed from that Com. at his
own request, and that Mr. Forman had been elected in his
place—
The Sec. of the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans, in
the absence of the Chairman, reported the resignation of
Mr. Crane—
The Chairman of the Com. on Bibles, Tracts and
Rel. Education made no report—
The Chairman of the Com. On Pub. Morals, Rom. Church, &
Infidelity being absent, that Com. made no report—
The paper from ~~the~~ the Com. on Bibles Tracts & Relig.
Education, referred by the Soc. of Inquiry to the Board of
Managers for publication, was brought before the Board, and
on Motion, its Consideration was deferred to an adjourned
meeting.
On Motion, the Board Resolved, that the Soc. of Inquiry hereafter receive in the Reading Room no religious paper which is not sent gratuitously—
— That the Standing Com. be directed to write, before the close of the Current year, to the Editors of such papers as are now subscribed for, requesting that they should be sent gratuitously— and

That When any new religious publication is sent to the Reading Room, it shall be the duty of the Standing Com. to report the same to the Board of Managers, and if the Board agree to receive it, the Standing Committee shall write to the Editor, stating the rule according to which it will be received—

The Board also adopted, on motion, separately, the following Resolutions

Resolved, That we discontinue the "New York Commercial Advertiser" and the Princeton Whig at the close of the Current year—

Resolved, that the Standing Com. be authorized to subscribe for the "North American"

Resolved, that the "Pennsylvanian" be discontinued, & the "New York Evening Post" be taken in its place—

Resolved, That the "Westminster and Foreign Quarterly" be discontinued

Resolved, that $2. be appropriated towards taking the "New York Tribune" for the ensuing year (beginning Dec. 10th) &

Resolved, that the "National Intelligencer" be taken for six months—

The Com. appointed to ascertain what members of the Soc. of Inquiry are not Members of any Committee offered their report, the reception of which was on motion postponed till the next regular meeting of the Board—

It was on motion resolved that the Standing Com. be authorized to furnish themselves with a Lantern—

Mr. Cuyler offered his resignation of the Office of Cor. Sec. which was accepted—The Election of Cor. Sec. to fill Mr. Cuyler's place was deferred to the adjourned meeting—

Resolved, that When the Board adjourn it shall adjourn to meet in the Oratory immediately after the Speaking Exercises this Evening—

A motion to repeal the 3d Sect. of Art. 6. of the By Laws was offered and laid on the table till the next regular meeting

of the Board—

On motion the Board then adjourned after prayer by Mr. D.S. Anderson

Wm. M. Buchanan
Sec. pro. tem.

Thursday, November 28th 1844
Oratory 9 o'clock P.M.

Board met pursuant to adjournment & was opened with prayer by Mr. Wallace— Absent Messrs. Westcott, Miller, Cuyler, Rogers, Bullions, Park & Stewart— The paper referred to the Board for publication was then read, & on motion a Committee of three was appointed, Consisting of Messrs. Miller, Merrill and Scott to review the paper for the Consideration of the Board at its next regular meeting—

The following Resolution was then presented, and ordered to be laid on the table till the next regular meeting of the Board— Resolved that Art. 16. of the Constitution of the Society of Inquiry be altered so as to read— "The regular meeting of the Society shall be held on the first thursday of every Month during the Session of the Theological Seminary, and its meetings shall be opened &c. &c.

The following resolutions were adopted—

Resolved, that the Standing Com. be directed to make an effort to obtain the following papers to be sent gratuitously— The "Baptist Advocate" the "Christian Advocate & Journal" The "New Orleans Protestant" The "Methodist Protestant" of Baltimore, and the "Weekly Messenger" of Mercersburgh—

Resolved, that the Standing Com be requested to print their minutes for examination at the next regular meeting

Of the Board

Resolved that it be the duty of the Secretary of the Board to inform the Committee on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans that they have not been represented in the meetings of the Board during the present session, and that unless their Chairman is present at the next meeting, it will be their duty to fill the vacancy by appointing another Chairman—

The election of Cor. Sec. came up, and Mr. Gosman was elected to that office—

The Treasurer offered his report, which, after some slight Corrections, was accepted— The Treasurer reported the following gentlemen as delinquents— viz. Of the First Class, Messrs. Carpenter, Ready, Hevey, Love, Stebbins, Thompson & Mitchell— Of the Second Class, Messrs. Goldsmith, Kollock, Lowance, Cheeny, I. Park, Scudder, Smith, A. V. C. Schenck, J. W. Schenck, & Wilson— Of the Third Class, Messrs. Cameron, Cattell, Porter, Reece, Ryerson, & Woods—

Mr. Mattoon was appointed Advocate of the Board, and On Motion, the Board adjourned, Closed with prayer by Mr. Bullions—

Jn. M. Buchanan
Sec. pro tem.

Thursday, Decr. 26th 1844.

Oratory, 2 of. P. M.

Board met, and in the absence of the President, Mr. J. H. Rice took the Chair. Prayer by Mr. Miller. Absent Messrs French, Gorman, Cook, Irving, Rogers, Park, Hamill & Mattoon. Messrs Miller & Bullion were excused for previous absences.

The Cor. Secy. no report.

The Cor. Secy. of the Committ. on For. Miss. reported a letter rec'd. from the Rev. H. H. Wilson, Futtehghur, India; and letter written to the Rev. Dr. Duff, Gen. Assembly's Seminary, Calcutta, & to the Rev. Justin Perkins, Oroomiah.

Mr. Wallace for the Cor. Secy. of the Comm. on Domest. Miss. & Rev. reported

a Letter rec^{d} from the Rev. Benj. Chase, Natchez, Miss.

The Keeper of the Cabinet no report.

Mr. Scott, for the Chairman of the Comm. on For. Miss. reported Mr. Shields as added to that Committee, in the place of Mr. Westcott, resigned.

The Chairman of the Comm. on Domest. Miss. & Res. reported Messrs Bailey, Baldwin, Cook & Dalton, received as members, Mr. Dorland dismissed, & Mr. McCoy restored.

The Ch'mn of the Comm. on Bib. Tracts & Rel. Ed. no report.

The Ch'mn of the Comm. on Pub. Mor., Rom. Ch. & Infid. reported Mr. Stewart stricken from their roll, and Messrs Craven & Richardson admitted to membership.

The Ch'mn of Comm. on Sail.^{rs} Soldiers & Aft.^{rs} reported Mr. Hoge stricken from their roll for absence, & Mr. Davis elected in his place.

The Ch'mn of the Stand.^{g} Committ. reported having written for the Baptist Advocate, New Orleans Protestant, Weekly Messenger, Methodist Protestant, & Christian Advocate & Journal; that the last three papers had been rec.^{d}, being sent gratuitously; that a communication to the Episcopal Recorder had been answered by a promise to send it gratuitously after the present year; that the Commercial Advertiser & Pennsylvanian had been discontinued; and the Nat. Intelligencer for six months, the New York Tribune, the N. Y. Evening Post & the North American, had been sent for; the three last being promised at $6, $5, respectively, which amounts had been transmitted.

The Committee appointed to inquire what members of the Soc. are not members of any Committ. of Inq.^{y} were not present.

The resolution respecting Art. 6. Sec. 3 of the By Laws, laid over until this meeting, was on motion laid on the table until the next.

The resolution respecting Art. 16 of the Constitution laid on the table until this meeting, was taken up & adopted.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to revise the paper from the Committ. on Bib.^{l} Tracts & Rel. Ed. reported that they had not yet been able to fulfil their duty; & at their own request were continued.

Agreeably to a resolution passed at the last meeting, the Ch'mn of the Stand.g Comm. laid before the Board the Minutes of that Comm. After a portion of them had been read, it was resolved, That they be referred to a Committee of two, to inquire & report whether any fuller record of the proceedings of the Stand.g Comm. is desirable. Committee - Messrs Bullions & Miller.

The Sec.y reported, that he had performed the duty assigned him at the last meeting, by informing the Committee on Sail.s Sold.s & Afr.s of the Board's resolution respecting them, through their Ch'mn.

Resolved, That a Comm. of two be appointed to inquire & report what measures may be adopted for carrying into full effect, in regard to the Comm. on Sail.s Sold.s & Afr.s the 14th Art of the Constitution. Committee Messrs Rice & Scott.

Resolved, that the Stand.g Committee be, & are hereby authorized to provide the fixtures necessary in the Reading Room for papers which have at present no stands; to repair the file-locks which are out of order, or if necessary procure new ones; & to have bound additional volumes of those periodical pamphlets, of which former numbers have before been bound.

Mr. Scott advocate of the Board. Adjourned after prayer by Mr. Merrill.

Samuel Miller, Jr.
Sec.y

Thursday. Jan.y 30th 1845. — Oratory 2 Hr P.m.

Board met. Opened with prayer by Mr Park. Absent Messrs Miller & Hammil — Messrs. French, Cook Irving Gosman, Rogers. Park & Mattoons were excused for previous absence.

The Cor. Sec.y reported letters written to the Edinburgh Missionary association — Society of Inquiry at New Albany Pa. Society of Inq.y at Allegheny Pa. and a letter received from Society of Inq.y at Auburn N. Y.

The Cor. Sec.y of the Committee on For. Miss. reported letters written to the Rev A. R. Wilson. Allegheny. India. and Rev J. M. Connelly Western Africa —

The Cor. Sec.y of the Comm. on Domestic Missions reported a letter received from Rev Benjamin Ogden. Three Rivers. Michigan

The Keeper of the Cabinet reported a box of White Coral some shells. a hanging birds Nest & some letters received from the late Mr Apthorpe Ceylon —

The Chmn of the Standing Committee reported that the "True Catholic" from Louisville. Sears Monthly Magazine N.Y. New Orleans Protestant & Philanthropist Cincinnati had been received gratis. and that the Christian Observer. Philadelphia had been discontinued.

Amend.t of Bye Laws Art. 6. Sec. 3. Section 1. Adopted Feb. 28.

The Resolution respecting Art. 6. Sec. 3. of the By Laws laid over at the last meeting was taken up and said Section repealed.

A Resolution was then offered that Art. 6. Sec. 1. — Be so amended as to read as follows. — After the obituary of a deceased brother has been read to the Society and accepted, it shall be committed again to the Committee appointed to draw it up, to be legibly transcribed in a blank book of proper size kept in the Library for that purpose. — which was laid on the table till the next regular meeting.

The Committee appointed to inquire what measures may be adopted in regard to the Comm. on Sailors. Soldiers & Africans on the 4th Art. reported. that Art. 3. Sec. 7. of the By Laws be amended by placing the name of the Committee on Sailors. Soldiers and Africans wherever the name of the Committee on Foreign Missions occurs & vice versa. which was laid on the Table. till the next meeting —

Amend.t of Art. 6. Sec. 1. of Bye Laws

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to examine the Book of the Standing Committee reported that — No fuller record of the proceedings of the Standing Comm. is desirable

Messrs Miller. Cook & Rogers offered their resignations which were accepted.

The Committee appointed to ascertain what members of the Society are not members of any Committee reported that Messrs. J.D. Mitchell. Knight. Love & Cheney do not belong to any Committee

On motion the Board then adjourned to meet in the Oratory in the Evening. Closed with prayer by Mr Rice

David Irving
Sec. pro tem

Adjourned Meeting
Thursday 30th Oratory 8 1/2. P.M.

The Board met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Mattoon. Absent Messrs. Anderson Bullions. Hammid Mc Martin & Rice

The Committee, to whom was referred the paper for publication, for revision, reported that they had discharged their duty At the request of the Board this paper was read, which on Motion was adopted. It was then moved & adopted that this paper be sent immediately to the Presbyterian for publication

An Election was then gone into, to fill the vacancies when Mr Thomas. was elected Treasurer — Mr Farquhar. Keeper of the Cabinet. and Mr White Recording Secty.

A motion was made that "Littels Living Age" be taken in the Reading Room. which was laid over till next Meeting

Mr. Mattoon advocate of the Board — Adjourned after prayer by Mr. Stebbins.

David Irving Sec. pro tem

Oratory ½ past 10 o'clock P.M.

Friday February 28th 1845.

Board met and was opened with Prayer by Bro. Irving. Absent Messrs. Parke and Buchanan. Messrs Anderson and McMartin were excused for absence from the last meeting. Messrs Ballions and Rice were not excused

The Corresponding Secretary reported Letters written to Johann Hartwig Braner Inspecter of the Missionary School Hamburg - To the Theol Students of the Royal College Belfast Ireland, and to the Theol. School Geneva Switzerland also to the Soc'y of Inquiry in the Newton Theological Seminary. And that a Letter had been received from the Soc'y of Inquiry New Albany Indiana

The Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions reported that he had received no Letters, but that he had written to Rev. Wm. Schauffler Missionary to the Jews Constantinople & Rev Joseph Owen Allahabad India

The Chairman of the Standing Committee reported that the Western Protestant Newspaper had been received and placed in the Reading Room.

The Chairman of the Committee on For'n Missions reported that Mr. Saml Miller Jr. had resigned as member of Committee & that Mr. Elijah R. Craven had been elected a member in his place

The Chairman of the Committee on Sailors Soldiers and Africans reported that Mr. D. Cook had resigned as member of that Com'tee and that Mr. Chas W. Shields had been elected in his place

The Resolution offered at the last meeting of the Board respecting an Amendment of Art. 6. Sec. 1 of the By Laws then came up and was adopted.

The Report of the Committee at the last meeting re Com-

- ommending an Amendment to Art. 3: Sec. 7 of the By-Laws then came up and was finally adopted by substituting the following as an Amendment to said Section. viz.

Amendment To Art. III, Sec. 7, of By-Laws

In the clause relating to the "Committee on Bible & Tract Societies & Religious Education" strike out all after the "Report in October;" and in the same Section of By-Laws in the clause which relates to the "Committee on Sailors Soldiers and Africans" strike out "a report in January" and substitute in the place thereof "an Essay in January and a Report in April"

The motion which was offered at the last meeting of the Board respecting "Littels Living Age" came up and was lost.

A motion was then made that the standing Committee be authorized to subscribe for the Methodist Quarterly Review, which was Carried.

It was moved and Carried that the "Keeper of the Cabinet be authorized to to procure a small Case for the better preservation of Insects in the Cabinet.

Moved and Carried that the Chairman of the standing Committee be authorized to write to the Publishers of the "Western Protestant" and "True Catholic" Newspapers and request them to send their respective Papers to the Reading Room Gratis

An Election then came on for Treasurer of the Society of Inquiry in the place of Mr Thomas elected at the last meeting, who, it was understood, declined serving, and resulted in the Choice of Mr. N. P. Chamberlain

An Election was also held for for Assistant Corresponding Secretary in the place of Mr Buchanan absent from the Seminary which resulted in the Choice of Mr. Saml. B. McPheeters

A motion was made that the following be adopted as a substitute for Sec 5. Art. 3 of the By Laws. viz.

Amendment to Art. 3. Sec 5. By-Laws.

"If any member of the Society of Inquiry shall remain unconnected with one of the Committees for two months his name shall be stricken from the roll of the Society."

Said over till next meeting.

Mr. Rice was appointed Advocate of the Board.

Adjourned with Prayer by Mr. Mattoon

A. D. White
Recor. Sec'y

Board of Managers.

½ past 10 o'clock P.M.,
March 27th, 1845.

The Board met the Vice President in the Chair and was opened with prayer by Mr. Gorman

Absent Messrs. Bullions Hamill and Rice Mr. A. Parke was not excused for absence from the last meeting

The Corresponding Secretary reported Letters written to the Society of Inquiry at the Hamilton Literary and Theol. Institute

The Corresponding Secy of the Committee on Foreign Missions reported Letter received from Rev. H. Hamilton of the Iowa and Sac. Mission

The Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Missions reported that they had dismissed Mr. Grandy at his own request, and had elected Mr. Wm. Rowell a member in his place

The Resolution offered at the last meeting of the Board proposing a substitute for Sec. 5. Art. 3d of the By Laws then came up and was adopted. [See Minutes of the last meeting]

A Committee of three was appointed Consisting of Messrs. Mattoon, Scott and Stebbins to examine the

Books of the respective Committees of the Society of Inquiry and Report on their Condition to the Board

Mr McMartin was appointed Advocate for the Board. There being no farther business the Board adjourned with Prayer by Mr Scott.

A. D. White
Recor. Secy

Special Meeting

Oratory 2 o'clock P.M.
April 10th 1845.

The Board met the Vice President in the Chair and was opened with Prayer by Mr. McPheeters. Absent Messrs. Gorman, Wemill, Farquhar, Bullions, Parke and Rice.

The object of the meeting being stated by the Chairman, On motion it was

Resolved That a Committee of three be appointed to procure Music for the Exercises of the annual meeting at the close of the present sesion

On this Committee the Chairman appointed Messrs. McPheeters, White & Gorman

The Board adjourned with Prayer by Mr. Scott.

A. D. White, Recor. Secy

Board of Managers

Oratory 2 o'clock P.M.

April 21th 1845.

The Board met and in the absence of the President and Vice President Mr. Hamill was appointed Chairman pro tem. The meeting was opened with Prayer by Mr. Scott The minutes of the last regular meeting and also of the special meeting of the Board were read and accepted Absent Messrs Farquhar McMartin and Rice Members excused for absence from the last meeting Messrs Bullions Hamill, Merrill & Parke

The Corresponding Secretary reported that he had written to Rev Wm Hamilton of the Iowa and Sac Mission and had received a letter from Rev. M. S. Culbertson of the China Mission.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions reported that Mr. E.E. Baldwin had been elected a member of that Committee at their last meeting

The Chairman of the Standing Committee reported that the Christian Sentinel and Lowell Offering had been received during the past month & placed in the reading Room

The Committee appointed to examine the Books of the several Committees reported that they found the Books of all the Committees kept in a neat and Orderly manner excepting that of the Committee on Public Morals Romish Church & Infidelity the Records of which had not been written out for the last 3 months

S. Mattoon
W.M. Scott
I. Stebbins
} Committee

which Report on motion was accepted.

Mr. McPheeters from the Committee appointed for that purpose reported that they had made suitable arrangements for Music at the next annual meeting of this Society which Report was accepted.

Report of the Standing Committee for the Session of 1844 & 1845.

Mr. Ballious Chairman of the Standing Committee presented the following as their Annual Report, which was also accepted.

" We now receive into the Reading Room the following Publications viz.

7 Quarterlies
15 Monthlies
3 Semi Weeklies
23 Weeklies
4 Dailies — Making in all
52 Publications.

During the past Year we have added to our list the Methodist Quarterly Years Monthly Magazine. The True Catholic, Western Protestant. New Orleans Protestant, Baptist Advocate. Weekly Herald & Philanthropist, Weekly Messenger, Christian Advocate & Journal Methodist Protestant, and the Albany Spectator making in all 11 New Publications.

In accordance with the Resolution the Board all the weekly & Monthly Papers received Come to us gratuitously with the exception of the following. N.Y. Observer Watchman of the South & Presbyterian Advocate the Subscription to which do not expire until Aug. 1. 1845. New England Puritan Oct. 1. 1846 Lewis Chronicle Jan. 1. 1846. It will be the duty of our successors to see that the Editors of these Papers are informed of our Rule before the times above specified

Report &c

" During the past Year we have discontinued according to your directions 2 Quarterlies 2 Weeklies and 2 Dailies

" The following Publications for some cause unknown have ceased to come in. The Christian Review (Quarterly) London Missionary Register & the Christian Family Magazine. The London Christian Observer ceased to be published more than a Year ago - altho' we have paid for it up to Jan. 45. We are in hopes however of recovering our money

" The Committee have drawn from the Treasury to meet the various expenses of the Society the Sum of $169. 07½ - We have endeavored to obtain receipts for all the money paid out, but in some cases this has been impossible

" The following Bills are Yet to be paid viz. to Geo Thompson for Binding Books $9. 75 - to Jno. Henderson for taking Care of the Reading Room $9.00 & to F. Knighton a small Bill for the Foreign Quarterlies Account not known

" We would also report that we have examined the Library and find it well kept. The Books of the Recording Secretary have been kept in a neat business like & Correct manner - We can say the same of the accounts of the present Treasurer. We are sorry to be Compelled to report that the accounts of the late Treasurer (Mr. Cook) have been kept in an inexcusably Careless, jumbled manner, and in one place we have discovered a wrong Entry of 10¼ cts

" The Reading Room we have in good repair - the locks have been repaired and a new set of files have been put up for the better accommo-

dation of the Readers. — All of which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) A. B. Bullions, D. Parke, D. S. Anderson } Standing Com.

Treasurer's Report 1844 & 1845

Mr. Chamberlain the present Treasurer of the Society of Inquiry presented the following Report which on motion was accepted

Received from Mr. D. Cook former Treasurer	$ 7.66
" " Members of Soc'y	25.25
Total amount received	$ 32.91
Paid by Order of the Standing Committee	19.44
Amount now in the Treasury	$ 13.47

The following individuals are in debt to the Society of Inquiry viz. Mr. Cheney $1.50 Mr. Crittendon $1.50. Mr Kollock $1.50. Mr Cameron $1.75 Total $6.25 (Signed) N. P. Chamberlain, Treas'r

On motion a Committee of three was appointed to examine into the manner in which the Accounts of the Treasury have been kept during the past Year and Report at our next meeting — On this Committee the Chairman appointed Messrs. White Bullions & Parke

Mr. David Irving the Librarian of the Society presented the following Report which was accepted.

Your Librarian would report that during the past Year there have been no accessions to the Library by purchases — 12 or 14 books have been bound during the Year & placed with the others — & that the Library is now in a good Condition. A Catalogue of the Books is in Course of preparation and will be Completed during the vacation

(Signed) D. Irving Lib'n

Mr. Wallace was appointed Advocate for the Board

On motion it was resolved that we adjourn

to meet in the Oratory on Thursday the 1st of May next at 9 o'clock A. M.

Whereupon the Board adjourned with Prayer by Mr. Merrill

A. D. White, Recor. Secy

Adjourned Meeting

Oratory 9 o'clock A. M.
May 1st 1845.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment & was opened with Prayer by Mr. Parke — Absent Messrs. French. ~~Farquhar~~ Stebbins. McMartin and Rice

Report on Treasurer's Accounts Year 1844 – 1845

The Committee appointed to examine as to the manner in which the accounts of the Treasury have been kept during the past Year, respectfully Report — That most of the receipts into the Treasury during the Year were paid to Mr. Darwin Cook who held the office until the 30th January when its duties devolved on Mr. Chamberlain who has discharged them in a manner Creditable to himself & the Society. But the accounts of the late Treasurer appear to have been kept in a Confused & unintelligible manner. Your Committee submitted the Treasurer's Book to that Gentleman for an Explanation of his accounts — who after keeping it 3 days Confessed he Could not tell how much money he had received during the Year, nor Could he even ~~do the~~ ~~sa~~ inform us when his financial Year Commenced! so that we are obliged to leave the matter just where we found it!

The Committee deem it unnecessary to recommend any vote of Censure for neglect of duty in this Case as the importance of strict business like

accuracy in this Department will be obvious to any one who would be likely to fill that office hereafter - (Signed)

A. D. White
A. B. Gallions } Com.
O. Parks

Report of the Keeper of the Cabinet

The Keeper of the Cabinet presented the following Report

During the Year ending May 1st 1845 the Cabinet of the Society of Inquiry has received some valuable accessions -

In January 1845 were received from Rev. Geo. H. Apthorp Missionary at Ceylon a box of Coral, a hanging nest a number of small shells, several notes written by Children and others Connected with the Missions of the American Board of For" Missions, together with a Letter from the Donor

In March 1845 was reid from Mr. Edmands Edgehill specimens of Lead, Alabaster Copper ore. Chalcedon. Fossil &c &c - It affords the Keeper pleasure to report that with the aid of the valuable Services of Bros. Living Wallace & French the Cabinet has been thoroughly Cleaned repaired & rearranged.

The Crowded State of the Insects in the Cases presented in April 1844 by Rev. Walter Lowrie of China renders a third Case necessary With permission of the Board one has been purchased & the proper proportion of insects placed in it. A Pasteboard lid should be fastened to each Case by hinges. Insects are injured by the light; without some Contrivance by which it Can be excluded the brilliant Colors of our tropical specimens will soon fade

In closing this Report the Keeper would urge the propriety of the Board procuring two Books for the Keeper of the Cabinet – one to be used as a minute Book in which should be kept a record of Gifts – the time of their reception and the names of the donors; – and the other to be used for a Catalogue of Articles in the Cabinet At present both purposes are served by one book and without any System

(Signed) John Farquhar. K. C.

The Board adjourned with Prayer by Wm. McPheeters

A. D. White,
Recg Secy

Board of Managers —
1 o'clock P. M. Sept. 3d 1845.

The Board met, the Vice President in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr Mattoon Absent, Messrs Irving, Giles, Richardson and Davis The minutes of the last regular and adjourned meetings were read and accepted. Mr Farquhar was excused for absence from last meeting of the Board

Reports
Cor. Secy

The Corresponding Secretary reported a letter written to the Theological Institute at Barmen, Prussia, and three received: one from the Soc. of Inquiry of the Free Church of Scotland: one from the Soc. of Inquiry of the Theological School at Geneva, and one from the Soc. of Inquiry of the Theol. Sem'y at Columbia So. Ca. Accepted

Cor Secy of Com. on For. Miss

The Cor. Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions reported a letter received from Mr Hamilton of the Dowa and Sac Mission – a letter from F. B. Thomson of Pontianak – and a letter from Rev. Mr Hoisington of Batticotta. Accepted.

Cor. Sec.y of Com. on Dom. Miss.y

The Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Domestic Missions reported that he had received no letters, and has written none. Accepted.

Keeper of Cab.t

The Keeper of the Cabinet reported that he had cursorily examined the Cabinet and found everything in good order except one case of insects which shall receive speedy attention. Accepted

Com. on For. Miss.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions reported that Mr Wm. W. Scudder had been elected their Chairman and Mr Mattoon Cor. Secy. Accepted

Com on Dom. Mi

The Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Missions reported that Mr Merrill had been elected their Chairman and Mr Young Cor. Secy. Accepted

Com. on B.T. and Rel. Ed.

The Chairman of the Committee on Bibles, Tracts, and Religious Education, reported Mr R.S. Goodman as their Chairman. Accepted

Com. on P.M. R.Ch. and Inf.

The Chairman of the Committee on Public Morals, Romish Church, and Infidelity reported Mr Farquhar as their Chairman. Accepted

Com. on S.S. and Africans

The Chairman of the Committee on Sailors, Soldiers, and Africans reported Mr S.B. Mc Pheeters as their Chairman. Accepted.

St.g Com.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee reported - that since the last meeting of the Board, the Editors of the 'Watchman of the South' and of the 'New York Observer', have been informed of the rule of the Board in reference to religious publications, and invited to continue their papers after the terms of subscription should have expired, which occurred on 1st Aug. ult. : and that said papers continue to be received Accepted.

Resig. & Elect. of Treasurer

Mr Goodman offered his resignation of the office of Treasurer of the Society of Inquiry which was accepted. The Board entered into an election for Treasurer which resulted in the choice of Mr Bosman.

Resig. & Elect. of Ass't Cor. Sec.

Mr. Richardson sent in his resignation of the office of Assistant Corresponding Secretary which was accepted, A new election was held to fill the vacancy - resulting in the choice of Mr Shields.

Advoc. of Bd.

The President appointed Mr Bannard as Advocate of the Board.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Scudder.

Addison V. L. Schenck
Recording Secretary

Rotary one o'clock P. M.
September 25th 1843

The Board convened, the President in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr Giles. Absent Messrs. Lacy, Shields, Cattell, Davis, and Eakins. Messrs Irving and Giles were excused for absence from the last meeting of the Board. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read and accepted.

Reports.

Cor. Sec'y

The Corresponding Secretary reported that he had written no letters and received none

Cor. Sec'y of Com. on For. Miss.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions reported no letters received. Letters have been written to Rev. J. W. Miller, Houston, Texas and Rev. A. R. Horsington of the Ceylon Mission.

Cor. Sec. of Com. on Dom. Miss.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Domestic Missions reported no letters written during the past month and none received.

Chmn. Com. on For. Miss

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions reported that Messrs Breed, Lowrie, Wight and Rankin have been elected members of the committee.

Chmn. Com. Pub. Mor. Etc.

The Chairman of the Committee on Public Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity reported the dismission of Messrs Bailey and Richardson at their own request.

Reports.

Chmn. Com. on Sailors etc.

The Chairman of the Committee on Sailors, Soldiers and Africans reported that Messrs Duffield and Harrison and Wilson have resigned, and Messrs T. S. Brown, Lee, Mann, Manly, Wright and Robertson have been elected members of the Committee.

Chmn of Standg. Com.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee reported that during the past vacation the "Watchman of the South" and the "Charleston Observer" have been united under the name of "The Watchman and Observer". The name of the "Baptist Advocate" of New York has also been changed to that of the "New York Recorder"

Advocate.

Mr Bailey was appointed Advocate of the Board

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Young.

Addison H. C. Schenck Rec. Sec'y

Board of Managers.

Oratory 2 o'clock P. M. Oct. 30th 1845.

The Board met, the President in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr Barnard. Absent Messrs. Shields, Goodman, Calkins, Scudder and Gosman.

Messrs. Lacy, Cattell, and Davis were excused for absence from the last meeting of the Board.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read and accepted

Reports.

Cor. Sec'y

The Corresponding Secretary reported no letters received and two written. One to the New College Missionary Association - Edinburgh - Scotland, and one to the Theological Seminary at New Albany.

Cor. Sec. Com For. Miss.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions reported no letters received. Letters have been written to Rev. F. B. Thompson of the Borneo Mission, and to Rev. K. M. Loughridge of the Creek Mission.

Keeper Cabinet

The Keeper of the Cabinet reported that he has received from Mr J. H. Torrance of Alabama a piece of the

outside and a piece of the inside of the tusk of the great Mastodon, lately discovered in Orange Co. N. Y.

Chmn. Com Dom. Miss. The Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Missions reported Messrs. Baldwin, Giles, Moattoon and McCoy as dismissed from the Committee at their own request, and Messrs. T. L. Brown, Davison, Lee, Robertson, Thiland and Wayne as newly elected members.

Chmn. Com Pub. Mor etc. The Chairman of Committee on Public Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity reported that Messrs Gregory, Carroll, Weckman, Miller, T. L. Brown, Blain, and Huntington have been elected members of the Committee

Chmn. of Standg Com. The Chairman of the Standing Committee reported that the 'New York Tribune' has ceased coming since the last meeting of the Board.

Miscellan^{s} Business It was moved and carried that the Cor. Secy. be directed to open a correspondence with the students of the Theological Seminary at Basil.

It was moved and carried that we subscribe for the 'Bibliotheca Sacra'

It was moved and carried that the Editors of the 'Herald of Religious Liberty' be written to, and requested to send their paper to the Reading Room.

It was moved and carried that the Editor of the Toronto Banner be written to and requested to send his paper to the Reading Room, the expense of the postage to be incurred by ourselves.

Mr Davis offered his resignation as member of the standing committee, and Mr Lee was elected to fill his place

Advocate Mr Farquhar was appointed Advocate of the Board.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Young

Addison V. C. Schenck Rec. Sec.

Board of Managers.

Oratory 2 o'clock P.M. Nov 28th 1845

The Board met - the President in the chair and was opened with prayer by Mr Scudder. Absent Messrs. Shields, Goodman, Cattell, Lee, Farquhar and Mr. Sheeters.

Messrs. Eakins, Scudder, and Goodman were excused for absence from the last meeting of the Board.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read and accepted

Reports. The Corresponding Secretary reported no letters received
Cor. Sec'y. and two written: one to the Theological Students at Basle, the other to the Theological Students at Geneva.

Cor. Sec'y Com. The Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Domestic
Dom. Miss. Missions reported letters written to Rev. Mr Stanton of New Orleans, Rev. Mr Chase of Natchez and Rev. Dr Potts of St. Louis, and one received from Rev. Dr. Potts.

Chmn. Com. The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions
For. Miss. reported Mr Bailles dismissed from the Committee at his own request, and Mr Welles elected a member

Chmn. Com. The Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Missions
Dom. Miss. reported Messrs. R. S. Williams, Wood and Shiland dismissed from the Committee at their own request, and Messrs. Little King, Forrest, Breed, Graham, Ballentine, Brugh, Niles, and M. S. Williams elected members.

Chmn. St. Com. The Chairman of the Standing Committee reported that the Committee according to instructions had written for the Herald of Religious Liberty published at St. Louis, one No. of which has been received: also for the Bibliotheca Sacra which will commence with the next No. - February 1846. The Committee have neglected to write for the Toronto Banner on account of the difficulty of postage. Five numbers of Swedenborg's Library - edited by Prof. Bush have come to the Reading Room, in reference to which the Committee wait for instructions

Miscellaneous Business

It was moved and carried that we take Littell's Living Age, in place of the Edinburgh and Foreign Quarterly Magazines

It was moved and carried that we subscribe for the National Intelligencer during the coming session of Congress.

It was moved and carried that the Standing Committee be directed to preserve the numbers of Swedenborg Library which may be received.

It was moved and carried that we take the Courier and Enquirer, and continue the Evening Post.

It was moved and carried that we take the United States Gazette in place of the North American.

Advocate. ✱ Mr Bowman was appointed Advocate of the Board

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Johnson.

Addison V. B. Schenck
Recording Secretary.

(Errata) ✱✱ A Committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Young, Bailey, and Lacy, to ascertain what members of the Society of Inquiry are not members of any Committee

"Board of Managers
Oratory 2 o'clock P M. Dec 23. 1843.

"The Board convened, the President in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr Lacy

Absent Messrs. Goodman, Cattell, Lee, and Farquhar.

"The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read and accepted.

Mr. Mc. Pheeters was excused for absence from the last meeting of the Board.

Reports. Cor. Sec'y. "The Corresponding Secretary reported no letters re-

ceived: and one written to the Theol. Sem. Columbia. So. Ca.

Cor. Sec Com For. Miss.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions reported no letters received, and one written to Rev. Mr. S. Culbertson of the China Mission.

Chmn. Com. Dom. Miss.

The Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Missions reported Mr Shinn as dismissed from the Committee at his own request, and Messrs. Bush and Harbison as elected members.

Chmn. Com. S. S. & Afr.

The Chairman of the Committee on Sailors, Soldiers and Africans reported Messrs. Peacock and Rice as dismissed from the Committee at their own request, and Messrs. Bowman, Littlejohn and King as elected members.

Chmn. of St. Com.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee reported, that since the last report of the Committee the National Intelligencer and the United States Gazette have been received.

Miscellaneous Business

It was moved and seconded that we reconsider the vote taken at the last meeting of the Board, by by which we take Littell's Living Age in place of the Edinburgh and Foreign Quarterly Magagines. The motion was lost.

The Committee appointed to ascertain what members of the Society of Inquiry are not members of any Committee offered their report. It was moved and carried that the Committee be continued, and be instructed to examine the whole subject, and report at the next meeting of the Board.

It was moved and carried that the Standing Committee be authorized to procure a sufficient number of new backs for the Reading Room files to complete the set.

Mr Young was appointed Advocate of the Board.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Mc. Pheeters.

Addison V. C. Schenck Rec. Sec.

Board of Managers.

Oratory one o'clock P.M. Jany 29th 1826.

The Board convened, the Vice President in the chair, and was opened with prayer by the Secretary.

Absent Messrs. Irving, Siles. Shields, Johnson, & Lee.

Mr Goodman was excused for absence from the last meeting of the Board

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read and accepted.

Reports.

Cor. Sec. The Corresponding Secretary reported no letters written and two received: one from Hamilton Institution - Hamilton N.Y. and one from the New College Missionary Association - Edinburgh - Scotland ---

Cor. Sec. Dom. Miss. The Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Domestic Missions reported a letter received from Rev. A. D. White of Northern Indiana -

Keep. of Cabinet The Keeper of the Cabinet reported that during the last month some of the cases of insects have been examined and scientifically arranged by Mr. Farquhar. Some of the brethren have been permitted to take the smaller idols to give additional interest to their monthly concerts in their parishes. He has also received from Rev. Samuel Miller D.D. a venerable cane - the last remnant of the Log College founded by Wm Tennent 1726. He also proposes that a silver plate with the name of the donor, and the date of presentation be placed on the head or side of the cane

Chmn. St. Com. The Chairman of the Standing Committee reported that since the last meeting of the Board, the New York Courier and Enquirer, and Littell's Living Age have been received.

Report of Com. on Members The Committee appointed to ascertain what members of the Society of Inquiry are not members of any committee; and to whom this whole subject was

referred, offered the following amendments to the Constitution and Bye Laws, which according to Art. 1st Sect. 7. of the Bye Laws were laid on the table for one month. The amendments are,

Amendment of the Constitution — Passed Feb. 27. /46 and adopted by Society May 5th 1846.

That Art. 6th of the Constitution be made to read thus. "The Recording Secretary shall keep a copy of the Constitution of the Society, - a full minute of its proceedings; he shall also keep the book containing the names of members in which he shall note those who are to be stricken from the roll of the Society; and shall preserve all papers belonging to it".

To Art. 17. of the Constitution, add the words "and signing the Constitution"

That Art. 21. of the Constitution be made to read "On the death of any attending or honorary member of the Society, a committee of three or more shall be appointed to prepare an obituary of the deceased."

That to Art. 3. Sect. 6. of the Bye Laws the following be added "This section shall not apply to those who room more than one and a half miles from the Seminary Building.

That in Art. 10. Sect. 2 after the words "each term" the following be inserted. "After which time no member may receive a dismission by vote of the Society until his session tax be paid"

Motions.

It was moved and carried that the Recording Secretary have all the annual Reports of the Committees bound according to the 15th Article of the Constitution

It was moved and carried that the Board appropriate thirty dollars for books for the library of the Society; and ten dollars to be expended in obtaining curiosities for our cabinet.

It was moved and carried that a Committee be appointed to recommend books for pur

chase - to report at the next meeting of the Board
Messrs. Bowman, Merrill and Mattoon were appointed
this Committee.

Mr. Mc Pheeters at the request of Messrs.
Manly, Bayler and others, presented the following
resolution:- that the Society of Inquiry order
the following reviews: the Presbyterian, Democratic,
American, and North American. A division of the
question was called for, and the Resolution was
adopted only in favor of the Presbyterian Review

It was moved and seconded that we
take the North British Review. The motion was lost.

It was moved and carried that the
suggestion of the Keeper of the Cabinet be adopted,
and that he be requested to return the thanks
of the Society to Dr. Miller for his valuable present.

It was moved and carried that the
chairman of the Standing Committee be directed to
write to the Editors of the Emancipator, Oberlin Evangelist, and the Boston organ of the Unitarians
and state the rule of the Society, requesting them
to send their papers to the Reading Room.

Mr Barnard was appointed advocate
of the Board.

There being no further business, the
Board adjourned with prayer by Mr. Potter.

Addison V.C. Schenck
Rec. Secy.

Board of Managers

One o'clock Jan 27 — 46

The Board convened, the Vice President in the chair and was opened with prayer by Mr. Gorman

Absent Messrs. Irving, Schenck, Giles, Shields, Lee, Eakins, Scallon, Farquhar.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Mr Johnson was excused for absence from the last meeting.

Cor. Sec. Rep. The Corresponding Sec. reported two letters received one from Rob. S. Finley, of St. Louis. the other from the Soc. of Inquiry of the Theol. Sem. at Columbia South, Carolina

Report of Keeper of Cab. The Keeper of the Cabinet reported that he has had a silver plate put upon the Log College cane. with the following inscription "Presented by Samuel Miller D.D. 1846." He has also according to the direction of the Board, returned their thanks to the venerable donor. who insists on paying the expense of the silver plate, as he wishes to make his present "Tores ac rotundus."

Stand. Com. The Chairman of the Standing Committee reported that according to a vote of the Board at its last meeting the Committee have written for the Presbyterian Review. The Oberlin Evangelist, the Emancipator, & the Christian Register. The first three of which have been received

Cor. Sec. of For. Miss. The 1st Assistant Sec. of the Com. on Foreign Missions reported one letter read. from Rev. Hugh. A Brown of China, & one from Rev Mr. S. Culbertson of China

The Committee appointed to recommend books to be purchased for the library reported the following Hist. of Colonization. Duff on India. Missions of Inquiry to the Jews. Kidder's Brazil 2. vols.

Tomeline's Missionary Journal, Williams' Miss.y Enterprise, Capital Punishment, Hamilton's Gazetteer, & Picture of India,

The Amendments to the Constitution & By Laws, which were laid over at the last meeting were considered separately & were adopted.

It was moved and carried that a book be provided for the purpose of containing the names of the members of the Society.

Motions

It was moved & carried that the Chairman of the Standing Committee be appointed one of the committee to recommend & purchase books, in the place of Mr. Mattoon who is absent from the Seminary.

Mr Bannard read a letter from Rev R. S. Finley of St Louis negotiating in regard to a Colonization Journal of which he is the editor. On motion the letter was laid on the table.

It was moved and carried that the Cor. Sec. be instructed to consult the Faculty as to the propriety of requesting the Rev Mr Schuck, returned Missionary of China, to come & address the students of the Sem. upon the subject of Missions, & with their concurrence to forward to him such request.

Mr Goodman was appointed advocate of the Board.

There being no farther business the Board adjourned with prayer by Mr Young.

Henry P. Johnson
Rec. Sec. pro. Tem.

Board of Managers.

Oratory. Two o'Clock P.M. Mar 27th 46

The Board convened, The Vice Pres. being in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr Potter.

Absent Messrs. Schenck. Giles. Goodman. Mallon. Young. Farquar.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Messrs. Shields & Lee were excused for absence from the last meeting of the Board

Cor. Sec. The Cor. Sec. reported one letter received from Walter Lowrie Esq. & one written to Soc. of Inquiry of Hamilton Institute, Hamilton N.Y.

1st Ass. Sec. The First Ass. Sec. of Com. on For. Missions reported one letter rec'd from Rev A. W. Loomis of China.

Motions It was moved & carried, That the Chairman of the Standing Coms. procure some letter paper to be kept in the Treasury & given as it may be needed to the members of Soc. of Inquiry who are prepairing the annual reports of the several committees.

It was moved and carried that a committee be appointed to examine the records of the Committees of Soc. of Inquiry, and report to the Board at its next meeting. Messrs Cattell Bannard & Potter were appointed such Com.

It was moved & carried that a committee be appointed to make arrangements for the coming Annual meeting. Messrs Goodman. McSheeters and Merrill, were appointed such Com.

Mr Bannard then read a letter from Walter Lowrie Esq. whom he had consulted in regard to the propriety of inviting the Rev Mr Shuck

retured missionary to visit and address the student of the Seminary.

Mr Lee was appointed advocate of the Board—

There being no more business the Board adjourned with prayer by Mr Lee—

Henry P. Johnson Sec. pro. tem.

Board of Managers

Oratory May 1st 1846

2 o'Cl P.M.

The Board convened (Vice Pres. in the Chair) and was opened with prayer by Mr. Bannard. Absent Messrs Schenck, Giles, Shields, Johnson, Eakins, Potter, Matteson, Farquhar. The minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted. Messrs Young, and Goodman were excused for absence from the last meeting of the Board.

Cor. Sec. Rp. The Cor. Sec. reported One letter received from the Society in the Western Theo. Seminary at Allegheny Pa.

Rep of Exam. Committee. The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Committees reported that all the minutes had been correctly kept up to the present date.

Rep of the Librarian. The Librarian reported that he had opened the library during the session at the hours fixed upon by the laws, & had attended to his duties as faithfully as possible. He had received as presents to the Soc'y Library two Copies of Dibble's "Voice from abroad", one from Rev. R. Armstrong of Sandwich Island; the other from Rev. Timothy Stillman. He had received from the Com. appointed to purchase books for the Library. Alexander's Hist. of African Colonization, one Vol. Sketches of Brazil by Kidder. (2 vols) Mercer on Capital Punishment (1 vol.) A Million of Inquiry to the Jews. (1 vol.)

Rep of Com. on Music The Com. appointed to procure suitable Music for the Anniversary of the Soc. of Inq. reported that they had Engaged the Hasting Society, & selected the Psalms & Hymns to be sung on that occasion.

The Chairman of the Committee on Sailors, Soldiers and Africans reported that Samuel D. Alexander

Rep of Chrmn of Com on S. S. & Africa

had been Elected Chairman; and John K. Davis Secretary of that Committee. Annual Reporters Lee, Mann and Pratt. Annual Essayist Manly. Cor. Sec. Manly, Assistant Sec. King.

Rep of Keeper of Cabinet

The Keeper of the Cabinet reported that the only additions to the Cabinet during the last year have been made by Rev. Saml Miller D.D. and Mr F. H. Lorance of Ala. The articles in the Cabinet are apparently in good state of preservation, but no new arrangement of them has been made, as the present one was considered sufficiently "judicious and scientific".

Mr Young moved that a Committee of three be appointed to draft a portion of the Constitution in the Register & obtain the signatures of the present members attending members of the Society. This was carried & Messrs Bannard, Bailey, & Cattell were appointed such Committee.

Rep of Com on Books.

The Committee appointed to recommend books to be purchased for the library reported, Memoirs of Mrs. Judson & Boardman. The Baptist Missionary Magazine. The Chinese Magazine Repository & the Calcutta Quarterly. The Board then adjourned to meet Wednesday May 6. 2. p.m. Closed with prayer by Mr Lee.

R. S. Goodman Sec Tro, Tem.

Board of Managers

Oratory 2 P.M. May 6. 1846.

Board was called to order by the Vice President and was opened with prayer by Mr Young.

Upon the Call of the Role Messrs Schenck. Giles Shields. Johnson. Lee & Potter were found absent.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Accepted

The Corresponding Secretary reported a letter received from the Society of Inquiry of the Union Theolog. Semy New York city.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions reported a letter received from the Rev.d Walter M. Lowrie Missionary in China. Also from the Rev.d J. Weston Miller. Houston. Texas. And one from the Rev.d James M. Connelly Missionary in Western Africa.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee Mr Baily. Reported

That the following publications are now received and placed in the Reading Room. Viz.

7 Quarterlies
15 Monthlies
3 Semi Monthlies
23 Weeklies
4 Dailies Making in all
52 publications.

The following publications have been added to our list or taken in place of others during the year. Viz.

The Bib. Sac. Presbyterian Review of Edinburg Scot. Littells living age. The Oberlin Evangelist. The Emancipator, The Herald of Religious Liberty, The United States Gazette & The N.Y. Courier and Enquirer.

The New York Observer & the Albany Spectator have been stopped by the Proprietors. The Watchman of the South and the Richmond Observer have been united under

the title of "Watchman and Observer" and is received

It will be the duty of our Successors to see that the Editors of the New England Puritan are informed of the Standing rule of the Society in relation to Religious weekly papers - before the 1st of Oct. when our present Subscription will expire.

The Committee have granted orders on the Treasury for the nec. Expenses of the Society to the amount of $145.59

There remains unpaid on the Order for Books $23.50

Leaving as the amount wh. has been actually from the Treasury after having deducted 13.50 on an Order for the last Session and allowing for cents $1.00 the sum of $122.09.

Orders No. 13. 14 of the Committee answer to No 11. on the Treasurer's Book and file -

Though some mistake at the time of draft wh. could not afterwards be corrected, there is a discrepancy between these orders as accounts for by the Books of the Treasurer & the Standing Committee to the amount of $1.00.

There remains to be paid at the close of the Session to John Henderson for Services in Cleaning and tending the fires in the Reading Room $9.00

Also for the purchase of Curiosities for the Cabinet as ordered by the Board an Order to the amount of $10.00

The Subscription for Littell's Living Age should be paid at the beginning of Next Session, if there are not funds sufficient in the Treasury at the Close of the present Session -

The Committee has provided a new Set of Locks for the News paper files in the Reading Room according to the direction of the Board.

They have also examined the Library and the Books of the Recording Secretary and Treasurer and found that they have all been duly kept.

All of wh. is respectfully Submitted - } W. Bailey
Com. } D. W. Eatkins

The Report of the Standing Com. was accepted.

The Treasurer Reported the whole amount rec^d. in to the Treasury during the Year $162.83.

Cash Paid to Order of Stand. Com.	$109.59
Cash yet due on Order No. 15	23.50
Cash on hand	29.74
	$162.83. $162.83

The Treasurer also reports as yet in debt to the Society Mr A. Alexander Rice
" Thomas Murphy
" I. Pitt Kinton

Signed- Abraham Gorman

The Report was accepted.

The Chairman of the Committee on Bible Tracts and Religious Education Reported that the Committee had Chosen the following persons as officers for the next year.

Mr George J Harrison, Chairman
" Andrew Shilaw, Secretary
Messrs Dunn
Henry V Rankin } Annual Reporters
Mr F. Hansell
Mr. Geo I. Harrison Annual Essayist

Mr Hunt had been stricken from the Roll of Members of the Committee -

The Report was accepted -

The Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Com. reports the names of the officers of the Committee for the ensuing year - Viz.

Mr Mrs P. Bond - Chairman
" Henry E. Niles. R. Secretary
" Henry P. Johnson Cor. Sec.
Messrs S. H. Lee and H. Valentine - Annual Reporters.
Mr A. I. Graham - Essayist

The Report was accepted

Mr McPhetres was appointed Advocate of the Board. Adjourned with prayer by Mr Barnard

P. D. Young
Sec. Pro. Temp.

Oratory Sep. 2nd 2 o'clock p. m. 1846

Board convined,

and was opened with prayer by Mr Reed

Absent Messrs. Dalton, Reid, Rankin, Lee, Valentine.

The Corresponding Sec. reported.

That letters have been received from the Theological Seminary at New Albany Ind. from Madison University, Hamilton, N. York, from Basle & Geneva, Europe, and that one has been written to the Seminary at Edinburgh.

The Librarian reported

That he has received from the Com. appointed to purchase books for the library. "Duff on India Missions" & "Missionary Journals and Letters."

The Keeper of the Cabinet reported,

That he has examined the cabinet since his return and finds the articles in good Keeping. On account of his absence from the Sem. he has not yet purchased the articles for the Cab. wh. the Board directed at the close of last term.

The Chm. of Com. on Dom. Miss.

Reported that Mr

Johnson has resigned his appointment as Cor. Sec. of That Com. and that Mr T. Dinsmore has been elected to supply his place.
The Chairs. of Com. on Pub. Morals, Rom. Ch & Infidelity reported that at their last meeting Mr A. D. Mitchell was chosen chm. & Mr. G. C. Heckman. Sec.
The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on For. Miss. reported that he has rec'd one letter from Rev I. Owen of Allahabad & a circular from Rev M. M. Lowrie of Ningpo. China.
Mr. Cattell then offered his resignation as Keeper of the Cabinet. This Resignation was accepted and Mr Dunn was chosen to fill his place.
Mr Dalton the Vice Pres. of the Soc. having left the Sem. a motion was made to suspend the section of the by-laws which requires all elections to be made by ballot to elect his successor viva voce. The motion passed and Mr Manly was elected Vice President of the Soc.
Mr Ryerson resigned his appointment as Chairman of the Standing Com. His resignation was accepted & Mr Niles was chosen his successor.
It was moved that Art 10. Sec 3rd of the By Laws. be so altered as to exempt the Record. Sec. of the Soc. from his Sessional tax. The motion affecting the laws was laid on the Table.

It was moved and carried that the Chairman of the Standing Com. be requested to remove from the ceiling of the Reading Room the pictures or cuts of the human Stomach.

The Chairman of the Standing Com. reported. that he has rec'd from the Treasurer. on order No 15. of Mar. 30th 1846. Twenty dollars. and that he has paid to

he servant of the Reading Room $9.00 leaving a balance of $11. due to the Soc.*

Mr Mitchel was then appointed advocate of the Board.

The Board then adjourned with prayer by Mr Ryerson.

Henry D. Johnson Sec.

* He also received .45 cts from the former Chairman wh. he has paid over to Mr Niles. his successor.

Oratory, Sep. 23rd, 1846.

The Board convened.

The president being in the chair. & was opened with prayer by Mr Harrison. Absent Messrs Balentine Williams & Bird. The minutes of the last meeting were read. and accepted. Messrs Rankin and Reid were excused for absence from the last meeting of the Board.

The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Domes. Miss. reported, That he had received one letter from the Rev. John Rice of New Orleans.

The Keeper of Cabinet reported, That he had written to Hon. Walter Lowrie, and had received a letter from him acknowledging the receipt of $10. for the purpose of purchasing curiosities from China.

The Chm. of the Standing Com. reported, That he has written to the N. Eng. Puritan, stating the rule of the Soc. in regard to religious papers. and requesting its continuance, and that he has paid over to the Keeper of Cab.

#10. according to the order of the Board.
The Chairmans of Com. on Sailors. Soldiers & Africans repor-
-ted that Messrs. Dickson, Phillips, W. I. Gibson, Waldron,
Darling, Rikeldaffer, W. H. Kirk, were proposed & Shiland and
elected members of that Com. at its last meeting.
Amendment of the Constitution. The motions wh. was laid upon the table at the last
meeting. viz. That Art 10th Sec. 3rd of the By-laws be so
altered as to excuse the Recor. Sec. of the Soc. from pay-
-ing his sessional tax was called up & adopted
It was moved and Carried,
That the Soc. take the "Berkely
Louisville Journal"
It was moved and carried,
That the Chm. of the Standing
Com. write to the proprietors of the Christian Citizen
published in Worcester Mass. state to them our rule
& request their paper for the Reading Rooms.
It was moved & carried,
That the Chairman of the Stand.
Com. take such measures as he may find necessary.
to procure the Nos. of pamphlets and periodicals taken
by the Soc. wh. are wanting to complete the several
Sets.
It was moved & carried,
That the Stands. Com. examine
the unbounds pamphlets belonging to the Soc. & re-
-port to the Board at its next meeting those which
in their judgment it is proper to bind,
It was moved & carried,
That the Soc. take the Bib-
-lical Repertory.
It was moved and carried,
That a Committee be
-appointed to negotiate with the Theological Society in
regard to the volumns of the Bib. Repertory now be-

-longing to their library, and if proper and feasible to pur-
-chase the same, of them. Messrs. Alex. Manly & Niles, were app. such Com.
Mr Lee resigned his membership of the Standing Com. His
resignation was accepted & Mr Blair was chosen in his
place.
Mr Valentine then offered his resignation as a member
of the Standing Com. wh. was accepted. The motion nec-
-essary to suspend the law. wh. requires all elections to
be made by ballot, was made & carried, and Mr Ri-
-hildaffer was chosen to fill his place.
Mr Wight was appointed advocate of the Board
No more business board adjourned with prayer
by Mr Dunn
H. P. Johnson, Sec.

Mason Library Oct 28th 1846
Com. Convened.
And was opened with prayer by Mr
Niles. absent at calling of Roll. Reid, Davis, Rihld
-daffer, Williams. I. Dinsmore. The minutes of the last
meeting were read & accepted. Mr Breed was excus-
-ed for his absence at the last meeting.
The Corresponding Sec. of the Soc. of Inquiry reported. "No let-
-ters rec'd. Letters written to the Theol. School at Geneva
& the Missionary Institution Basle."
The Chm. of Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans reported
That Messrs. Beveridge, I. B. Davis, Ruffner, Jappan &
Stirling, were proposed & elected members of that Com.
at its last meeting. Mr Dr. Pren resigned his seat as
a member of that Committee.
The Chm. of Com. on Public Morals, Rom. Ch. & Infidelity reported
That Messrs Freeland, F. L. King, H. Reeves, Conover &

& Young were proposed & chosen members of the Com. at its last meeting, & that Mr Gregory resigned his membership of the Com.

The Chm. of Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Religious education reported that Messrs Beveridge, Breck. Darling, L. S. Gibson, Lundy, Sterling, J. R. Wilson, Moore were proposed and elected members of that Com. at its last meeting. Mr Hearon by leaving the Seminary has ceased to be a member of the Com.

The Chm. of the standing Com. reported that he had received a receipt for the payment for the New Englander for 1846.

The Nos. of Bibliotheca Sacra & Pres. Review wh. were wanting to complete the sets have been sent for & received,

The Christian Citizen published at Worcester Mass. has been received & placed on file in the Reading Room.

The Editors of the Weekly Louisville Journals have been addressed by letter, & our rule in regard to secular papers stated to them. but they have not yet forwarded their paper.

He reported further the Reviews & Pamphlets wh. the Standing Com. recommends for binding. On motion the whole matter of binding Reviews &c was referred to the discretion of the Standing Com. with instruction to bind such as they judge fit.

The Com. appointed to confer with the Theol. Soc. reported that they had negotiated for the Bib. Repertory at $1.00 per. volumn. This report was accepted

It was moved & carried

That a Committee be appointed to devise a plan of arranging the books belonging to the library of the Soc. of Inquiry. Messrs Forman, Manly & Erskine were appointed such Committee

Moved & Carried

That the Bib. Sacra & Presbyterian Review be continued for the Reading Room

Mr I. K. Davis then offered his resignation as librarian of the Soc. His resignation was accepted & Mr Erskine was chosen viva voce his successor. The motion necessary to suspend the law requiring all elections to be by ballot having been made & carried
Mr Manly was appointed advocate of the Board.
Adjourned with prayer by Mr Boyd

A. P. Johnson Sec'y.

Oratory 2 p.m. Nov 27—46.

Board convened,
The Vice President being in the Chair and the meeting was opened with prayer by Mr Mitchel. Absent—Messrs. Baldwin, Rankin, Erskine, Alexander, Harrison, Messrs. Reid, Rikeldaffer. Williams & Densmore were excused for absence from the last meeting of the Board. The Cor. Sec. reported one letter rec'd from Belfast College Ireland, & one written to the Union Theol. Sem. N. York.
The Cor. Sec. of Com. on Dom. Miss. that he had written letters to Rev J. W. Miller Houston Texas & to Rev Michael Hummer Iowa City. Iowa
The Chm. of Com. on Pub. Morals. Rom. Ch. & Infidelity, reported that Messrs Wood, Bradner & W. J. Gibson were proposed & elected members of that Com. at its last meeting.
The Chm. of the Standing Com. reported, that according to the order of the Board, he had attended to the binding of publications, making in all 18 vols, & placed the same in the library of the Society, that he had subscribed for the Bibliotheca Sacra & the Pres. Review for 1847. That he had purchased for circulation 75 catalogues of the Seminary at an expense of $3.75/100.

The Chm. of the Com. appointed at the last meeting of the Board. to devise a plan for arranging the books of the Library, reported, That they had determined upon the following plans. to have labels put upon each volumn. corresponding with the label of the shelf upon wh. it is placed. & to have 2 catalogues written, one containing the titles of the books alphabetically arranged. the other, the names of the authors. and the pages of the former cat. upon wh. the titles of the books are severally to be found. This report was accepted & the Committee instructed to employ some person to proceed with the specified work.

Moved & Carried, That the Chm. of Stands. Com. procure a copy of the minutes of the last Assembly of the New School. Pres. Church.

Mr Mitchel was appointed advocate of the Board

Adjourned with prayr by Mr Blaine

A. P. Johnson Sec.

Called Meeting Oratory 1 o'clock P.M. Dec 8. 46

Board Convened,

The Pres. bring in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr Baldwin. absent Blair;

Moved & Carried,

That the papers we now take for the Reading Room, be continued for the coming year, & that the National Intelligencer be added to the number;

Moved & Carried,

That the Chm. of Standing Committee write to the Editors of the Lutheran Observer, & to the Edts of the Christian Register, state to them our rule in regard to religious papers & request their papers for the Reading Room.

Moved & Carried,

That we pay the postage upon the Newark Daily Advertiser, N. York Observer, & N. Eng. Puritan, & Philadelphia Ledger, & placed in the Reading R. as soon as received.

Moved & Carried

That instead of the Evening Post, the Union, be taken for the Reading Room, daily during the present Session of Congress, and after its close, semi- or triweekly, as it may be published,

No more business Board adjourned with prayer by Mr Dinsmore

H. P. Johnson Sec.

Oratory One o'clock p. M. Jan 4th 1847.

Board convened.

The Vice Pres. took the chair & was opened with prayer by Mr Reid. Absent. Messrs. Gessman, Rankin Baldwin, Blain, M. Williams, Breed, Alexander, Mitchel & Harrison. The minutes of the last regular meeting & of the called meeting were read & accepted

The Cor. Sec. reported,

Letters written to the Western Theo. Sem. Alleghany Pa, to Theo. Sem. New Albany Ind. to Theo Sem. Columbia, Sc. & to Madison University Hamilton N. Y.

The Keeper of Cab. reported,

That some of the idols have been let out from the Cabinet & have been safely returned

The Chm. of Stand. Com. reported,

That the papers ordered by the Board had been sent for & received,

Moved & Carried,

That the Chm. of Stand. Com. take measures to complete the several sets of Reviews, taken during 1846. if any are incomplete, & have them bound,

Moved & carried,

That Chm. of L. Com. write for the American edition of the North. British Review for the Reading Room,

Moved & carried,

That the Com. appointed to have the books of the Library arranged, select such, as from there being duplicates, or not relating to subjects contemplated in our library, it is advisable should be sold, & report to the Board at its next meeting

Moved

That for the word Thirty, in Art 12. of the Constitution Forty, be substituted, According to law this motion was laid over,

Moved & carried,

That a Com. of two be appointed to invite the Rev Mr Shuck, Missionary from China, to attend the meeting of the Soc. on Thursday, & make such remarks to the members & he may deem proper, Messrs Manly & Reid were appointed such Com.

Moved & carried,

That the Cor. Sec. consult the Faculty as to the propriety of requesting Rev Mr Kincaid, Missionary from India, to visit the Seminary & address the students, & with their approbation to forward to him the request.

Mr Wright was appointed advocate of the Board

The Board adjourned with prayer by Mr Riheldaffer

Henry P. Johnson Sec.

Calory one o'clock P.M. Jan 29th 47

Board convened,

The Resident in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr Forman, Absent Messrs Reid, Erskine, Blain, Mitchel & Harrison, The minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted. Messrs Gosman, Baldwin, Williams, Rankin, Breed, and Alexander were excused for absence from the last meeting.

The Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Miss. reported, one letter written to Rev Jas. M. Connelly of the African Mission

The Cor. Sec. of Com. on Dom. Mis's. reported, one letter received from Rev Mr Cochran of Mississippi

The Chm. of Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans, reported that the name of Mr Gilson was raised from the roll of the Com. at its last meeting, & that Mr Wentworth was elected a member of the Com.

The Chm. of the Standing Com. reported, That he had ordered & paid for the U. S. Gazette & the Courier & Inquirer, for 1847 had also paid for the N. Englander, That he had disposed of the papers in the Reading Room for the remainder of the Session, the sale amounting to $4. 63 1/2. He had sent the Reviews for 1846 to the binder, He had rec'd for the Soc. a plate, from the Mission rooms in N. York. On motion this was placed in the hands of the keeper of the Cabinet.

The Com. to examine the library, reported the following supernumerary copies of books. Owen's Hist. of the Bib. Soc. 2 copies, Life of Brainard 3 copies, Life of Martyn 2 copies, Life of Mills. 1 copy; books wh. do not seem appropriate to the library. Paynes Moral Science, Byron's Works, Course of Time, Cowper's Task, Memoir of Emmet, Tacitus, Philosophy of Lan-

guage. Homer's Iliad. Vol 2nd Irving's Astoria Vol 1st & a large & valuable work on Civil & Canon Law by Sparman. This report was accepted,

Moved & Carried,

That the Librarian sell the books specified in the above report with the exception of the work on Canon Law, wh. he is instructed to present to the Seminary Library.

The Motion relating to Art 12. of Const. wh. was laid over from the last meeting was discussed & voted upon. The motion was lost. *

Moved,

That the clause, 'Not more than 30 members' be stricken out of Art 12. of the Constitution.

Moved

That the five Com's of Soc. of Inquiry be reduced to two. the Com's on For. & Dom. Miss. & That the several subjects of Inquiry be divided between them.

These motions effecting the Const. were laid over.

Mr Dunn was appointed advocate of the Board

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Williams

H. P. Johnson Sec.

* Moved & Carried

That the Soc. lend its set of the Bib. Repertory to the Com. appointed to superintend the publication of the 2nd Vol. of Theol. Essays.

Oratory One o'clock P.M Feb 26-47

Board conv.

The President in the chair & was opened with pray-er by Mr Baldwin. Absent Messrs— Rankin. Blain. Dinsmore. Mitchel. The minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted. Excused for absence from last meeting Messrs Reid. Erskine. & Harrison.

The Cor. Sec. on For. Miss. reported one letter written to Rev. J. Owen of Allahabad. India. & one to Rev A. W. Loomis of Chusan China.

The Chm. of Sailors. Soldiers & Africans. reported that Mr Emerson was elected a member of that Com. at its last meeting in place of Mr Phillips. resigned.

Mr Ryerson from the Com. on For. Miss. reported that he was chm. of that Com. at its last meeting in place of Mr Forman resigned.

The motion relating to Art. 12. of the Const. inh. was laid over from the last meeting, was brought up & discussed The motion was lost. By the consent of the Board, the motion, laid over from last meeting, to reduce the five committees of the Soc. to two. was withdrawn by the mover.

Moved & Carried,

That the Board adjourn. to Monday March 1st to one o'clock. p. m.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Bond

Henry P. Johnson

Oratory. March 1: 1847

Board met, pursuant to adjournment, the Pres. in the chair & was opened with prayer by Mr. Wight. Absent = Messrs. Johnson, Rankin, Blain, Rikeldaffer, Ryerson, Breed, Alexander, Mitchell.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read & accepted, it was moved & carried that "whereas certain pictures, purporting to exhibit the human stomach in different states of ulceration still hang in the Reading Room, notwithstanding the repeated efforts of the Chm. of Standing Com. to remove them & whereas said pictures are more suitable for the rooms of a lecturer on Surgery or a temperance Society, therefore it is resolved that these pictures be presented to the Temperance Socy. of the Theo. Seminary on condition that they be removed from their present hangings" The following proposition on presentation was laid over, according to rule, till the next regular meeting of the Board. "Proposed that the following be inserted in the By-laws, after Sec. 8 of Art. 3. 'the object of the monthly reports from the several Committees being the regular communication of information, the vote to receive a report shall not be construed as involving a judgment on the merits of any opinions contained therein & the report may be received, as a discharge of the duty of the Reporter, without endorsing any opinions'.— Moved & carried that a committee of two be appointed to make arrangements for the next anniversary meeting of the Society. Messrs. Wight & Niles were appointed such committee.—

Proposed amendment

A letter from Mr. Colton, member of a Society in connexion with Yale College was read & on motion, placed in the hands of the Corresponding Secry. of Society.

Mord & carrid that "after another vol. of Littell's Living Age shall have been rec.d, the Standing Com. discontinue the subscription of that publication & order the following Periods from commencement of the present year. viz. London Quarterly - Edinburgh - North-British (continued) - Foreign Quarterly - Blackwood's."

The Com. appointed last term to purchase bks. for the Society's Library reported in part & was continued.

Mord & carried that "Mr. Wright be appointed with Chm. of Ex. Com, & Treasurer, as a Special Committee, to examine into the liabilities of Society & state of its funds. & report names of bks. to be purchased, in case there shoued be a surplus of funds remaining in the Treasury at the close of the Session" ⊗.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned with prayer by Mr. Erskine.—

C. C. Baldwin
Sec. pro tem.—

⊗. Mr Manly was appointed advocate of the Board.

Oratory. March 26: 1847

Board met, President in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr. Rankin. Absent, Manly, Johnson, Reid, Williams, Ryerson, Alexander, Mitchell.

Excused for absences from last meetings. Rankin, Dinsmore, Rikeldaffer, Breed. —

The following Reports were offered & received. —

- of Corresponding Sec. of Society "two letters rec^d. one, from Soc. Inquiry, Western Theo. Sem. Alleghany, Pa. - other, from Lane Sem. Walnut Hills, Ohio. - two letters written, one to Soc. Inq. Lane Sem. - other, to Soc. Inq. Yale college, Conn."
- of Keeper of Cabinet, who reports "a visit of several of the idols to Kingston & their safe return to the Cabinet - also, the presentation (to Society) of a crucifix by Mr. Stephen Bush of 2^d. class - deposited in Cabinet."
- of corres. Sec. of Comm. on Domestic Missions, "one letter written to Mr. S Frazier, Wisconsin - one rec^d. from the same."

The proposition of last meeting, that there be a clause inserted in the By-laws, respecting Reports of the various Committees, was briefly considered & decided in the negative. The Chm. of the Bk. Committee appo^d. last Session reported the following bks. purchased, according to order of Society: Alex. history of colonization $2.25. Cheever on Cap. punishment $0.75. Kidder's Brazil $3.50. Duff on India & Tomline's Miss^y. Journal $5.75 - also subscriptions for Chinese Repository & Calcutta Quarterly paid $8.00 - also ordered, but not received the following. — Memoir of Boardman & Williams' miss^y. enterprises. On motion, report accepted & the balance of money directed to be placed at the disposal of a similar comm. appo^d. at last meeting of the Board. The committee to examine into state of funds be reported progress. Mr. Erskine

Amendment was lost.

was appointed Advocate of the Board.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Blain.

C. C. Baldwin,
Sec. pro. tem.

Thursday April 29th 1847.
Oratory 1 O. Clock P. M.

Board met, (the President in the Chair) and was opened with prayer by Mr Rihiladaffer. Absent- Messrs Johnson, Rankin, Baldwin, Duim, Niles, Williams, T. Dinsmore, and Alexander. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and after being so amended as to include among the Books purchased by the Book Committee, "the Scotch mission to the Jews" $0.95. they were adopted.

Messrs Manly, Reid, Ryerson, and Mitchell were excused for absence from the last meeting.

The Corresponding Secretary reported one letter received from the Union Theo. Sem. N. Y., and one written to Belfast College, Ireland.

The Committee appointed to arrange the Library, and prepare a Catalogue of the Books belonging to the Society, presented the following Report, which was accepted.

"The Committee would report that they have discharged the duties assigned them. They have arranged all the books on the different shelves, labelled the books, and shelves in alphabetical order, and have had a Catalogue made out of all the books: the titles of the books, and names of the authors being alphabetically arranged, with references to the respective Shelves, on which they are to be found.

To defray the expenses of the operations of the Committee, they have received from the Standing Committee $6.19 $0.37½ of which were appropriated to the putting in of a

new shelf: $0.25 to printing of labels: $0.18¾ for a bottle of paste, $0.37½ for a book, and $5.00 for the making out of a Catalogue".

Messrs Blain, and Reid were appointed a Committee to examine the minute Books of the several Committees.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet in the Oratory on Wednesday, May 5th at one o'clock P.M.

Closed with prayer by

A. D. Mitchell
Rec. Sec. Pro. tem.

Wednesday May 5th 1847.
Oratory 1. o'clock P.M.

Adjourned Meeting.

Board met agreably to adjournment (the President in the Chair) and was opened with prayer by Bro. Manly. Absent messrs Johnson, Blain, Sinsmore, Hexander, and Harrison. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and accepted. Messrs Dunn, Baldwin, and Niles were excused for absence from the last meeting.

The Keeper of the Cabinet presented the following Report, which was accepted.

Report of the Keeper of the Cabinet

"The Keeper of the Cabinet of the Society of Inquiry begs leave to report that during his term of office, the following articles have been presented to the Cabinet. A crucifix from Mr. S. Bush: a picture of a delegation of Sioux Indians from Rev. H. Wells, of the Mission House. N. Y. $10. have been sent to China for the purchase of Chinese curiosities. Upon examination the contents of the Cabinet have been found to be safe, and in good condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

Robt P. Dunn. Keeper of the Cabinet

Librarians Report

The following Report of the Librarian was also accepted:

"The condition of the Libray has been improved, and the books are generally labelled, and arranged on the shelves in

alphabetical order. A Catalogue of them has been made out, and a record of those taken out has been generally kept.

The following books have been presented to the Library, "Land of Sinim by Walter Lowrie". "Voice from abroad, by P. P. Gulick of the Sandwich Islands". "Five years on Erie Canal by Mr Powel". Annual Reports of the A. S. S. Union from 1825 to 1845 by Mr Gibson. A number of missionary Publications have been received. The Princeton Review, purchased by this society, of the Theological Society, has been placed in the Library. According to the direction of the Society, the following Books have been disposed of. Cowper's Task, Course of Time. Jay's Inquiry — Life of Martyn 2 Cop.s Life of Brainerd 3 Cop.s. Homer's Iliad vol 2.d. Irving's Astoria vol 1.st. Payne's Elements. Works of Byron. Owen's History of Bib. &c. 2 copies. Memoir of Mills. and Tacitus. The proceeds of which amounted to $3.96¾ Cents; of which sum $3.76 cts have been handed over to the Treasurer of the Society. The work on Canon, and Civil Law has also been presented to the Seminary Library."

E. Erskine Librarian.

Report of the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

"There are now received into the Reading Room of the Society the following publications — viz — 11 Monthlies, 3 Semi-Monthlies, 9 Quarterlies, 24 Weeklies, 1 Semi-weekly, and 3 Dailies, making in all 51 Publications. During the past term, we have added to our list 4 Quarterlies (viz the Edinburg, London, North British, and Westminster) 1 Monthly — (Blackwood's Magazine) 4 Weeklies (viz Literary World, Christian Chronicle, New Orleans Protestant, and National Era); and 1 Semi Weekly (The Washington Union)

Discontinued by order of the Board. "Littells Living Age", and the N. York Evening Post.

The following papers have, for some cause unknown to your Committee, ceased to come to us - viz - the N. York Evangelist, Emancipator, and True Catholic. The Bibliotheca Sacra, and the Presbyterian Review have been ordered from Wiley, and Putnam, and it will be the duty of our successors to secure all the Nos. for the present year, and settle the Bill.

The Committee have drawn from the Treasurer, to meet the various expenses of the Society the sum of $137.94

Received from Ch'n of former Committee 11.45

" from sale of papers in R. Room 4.19

Total $153.58

Paid for various purposes, as per book - - 131.71

Leaving a balance in the hands of Com. of $21.87

Your Committee have endeavoured in all cases of important expenditure, to obtain receipts, which have been duly filed, and preserved with the books of the Society.

The following are the only bills, as far as known which remain unpaid. viz;

To the Theo. Society for vols of the Repertory - about $20.00

" Wiley, and Putnam for Revs. (as stated above) about 6.00

" John Henderson, and Alexander for taking care of Reading Room about 9.00

Total $35.00

We have also examined the books of the Librarian, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, and find them properly kept.

The Condition of the Library has been greatly improved during the past year, by the erection of new shelves for books, preparation of a convenient Catalogue, and also the addition of several new volumes.

The Reading Room we leave in good order, having modified its appurtenances, and decorations, agreeably to the direction of the Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted

H. E. Niles Ch'n of Standing Com.

The following Report of the Treasurer of Society was read, and accepted.

"Received for Session taxes &c $ 203.82

Paid Balance on order No 15

to former Committee	$ 23.50	
to Committee (resigned)	20.00	
to present Committee	137.94	
		$ 181.44
	Balance in Treasury	$ 22.38

x paid

Delinquents. L. W. Eakins. ~~H. M. Wilson~~ x. A. Y. Moore. L. H. Lee. T. K. Davis. J. F. Stirling. J. T. Wentworth."

C. C. Baldwin. Treasurer.

The Committee appointed to examine the liabilities of the Society, and the state of its funds reported that the present state of the funds does not allow of any additions to the Library; which report was accepted.

The Committee appointed to examine the minute books of the Committees reported that they found them all neatly, and properly kept; the minutes of each meeting being regularly entered, and all things done decently, and in order. The Report was accepted.

The Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Missions reported that Mr Shive was elected a member of that Committee at its last meeting; and also that H. E. Niles was chosen Chairman. Mr Emmerson, Rec. Sec. and A. J. Graham Corresponding Secretary.

The Chairman of the Com. on Public morals. Romish Church, and Infidelity reported, that at its last meeting Geo. C, Heckman was elected Chairman, and H. Reeves. Secretary. & that Mr. Erskine has been elected a member of Com.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Rankin, and laid over until the next regular meeting of the Board.

"Resolved - that hereafter the Treasurer of the Society of

Inquiry be exempted from the annual tax of the members."

Mr Niles was appointed Advocate of the Board.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Wight.

A. D. Mitchell

Rec. Sec. Pro. tem.

Board of Managers.

Avalon, 10-clock P. M

Aug 31. 1847

The Board met, and was opened with prayer by Mr Brugh. Absent, Messrs Tappan, Robertson, Bush, & Pratt.

The minutes of the last regular & adjourned meetings were read & accepted.

The Corresponding Secretary reported that he had received no letters; one letter had been written to the students of the Union Theological Seminary New York.

The Corresponding Secretary of the committee on Foreign Missions reports that one letter has been written to Rev R Armstrong, Honolulu; no letters have been received since the last meeting of the Board.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Domestic Missions reported no letters received.

The Chairman of the Committee on Bibles, Tracts and Religious Education, reported that at a previous meeting Mr R. P. Dunn was elected Chairman, Mr Geo. Darling Secretary; & the following new members were elected, Messrs Wight & Conover.

The keeper of the Cabinet reported that the curiosities ordered from China have been received. They consist of a large Chinese lantern, a com-

plete suit of male & female Chinese apparel, a Chinese Almanac, and incense sticks. Also models of a male & female Chinese which were so broken as to be unfit to be placed in the Cabinet. The charges on these articles were $8.71

The following resolution laid over from the last meeting ~~was~~ of the Board, was then read and passed:

"Resolved -- That hereafter the Treasurer of the Society of Inquiry be exempted from the annual tax of the members."

The following ~~committee~~ resolution was offered by Mr Emerson:

Resolved -- That a committee be appointed to confer with those whose business it is to superintend the changes about to be made in this building, on the propriety of furnishing better accommodations for the Cabinet. (carried)

The Chair appointed to this committee, Messrs Emerson, Cattell, & Riley.

Mr Heckman was appointed advocate of the Board. Closed with Prayer by Mr Graham.

Henry Reeve, Rec. Sec.

Board of Managers.

Oratory, 10 o'clock P.M.

Special Meeting. Sept 7th 1847

The Board met, & was opened with prayer by Mr Blain. Absent Messrs Bush, Evans, Heckman, & Tappan. The standing committee reported in regard to the reading room, & recommended that more papers be taken.

It was moved & carried that the standing committee be instructed to ascertain the fact in regard to the discontinuance of certain papers, & to request the publishers to send them as heretofore.

It was proposed that the following papers & periodicals be taken for the Reading Room:
The Boston Daily Atlas, ---- ~~proposed by Mr Emerson~~, — the Society defraying the expense of the postages only. (Carried.)
The New England Puritan, & New York Evangelist, the Society paying the price of subscription. (Carried)
The Edinburgh Witness. (carried)
The N. York Daily Tribune (carried)
The Journal of the American Temperance Union (Carried)
The Southern ~~Presbyterian Review~~ Review, published at Columbia, S. Carolina. (Carried)

It was moved ~~& carried~~ that the Board accept Mr Pratt's offer of the N. York Observer, the postage only to be paid by the Society. — (Carried)

The committee appointed to procure better ~~arrangements~~ accommodations for the cabinet reported progress, The report was accepted, & the committee ~~was~~ were continued.

Mr Wilson handed in his resignation as member of the Standing Com. (accepted)

Mr Phillips was elected to fill the vacancy in the Standing Com. caused by the resignation of Mr Wilson.

Mr Pratt was excused from absence at the last meeting of the Board.

It was moved & carried that the Committee on procuring better accommodations for the Cabinet be instructed to ascertain if a room, larger than that now occupied, can be procured for the purposes of the Reading Room & Cabinet

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Pratt.

H. Reed Sec

Oratory, 1. O-clock Sept 29th 1847

The Board met, & was opened with prayer by bro. Evans. Absent at the calling of the roll Messrs Blain, Bush, Cattell, Emerson, Heckman, Tappan, & Waldron. * Messrs Evans & Robertson offered their excuses for absence from the last meeting of the board, which were accepted.

The Cor. Sec. reported 2 letters received, one from the mission at Ningpo, China, & the other from the Rev H. A. Brown, missionary in China.

No reports were received from the corresponding secretaries or Chairmen of the Committees of Inquiry.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee reported that the following papers & periodicals are now received in the reading-room:

3	Dailies	
1	Semi-weekly	
27	Weeklies	
3	Semi-Monthlies	
14	Monthlies	
12	Quarterlies.	in all 60.

Of the publications written for in accordance with the order of the Board, the following have been received:

New York Evangelist — price paid $1.50
Tribune (N.Y.) " " 2.50
New England Puritan " " 1.50
Journal American Temperance Union, (N.Y.)
Albany Spectator
Presbyterian Advocate (Pittsburg Pa)
Methodist Protestant (Baltimore)
True Catholic (Louisville Ky)

The following have been written for but have not yet been received:

Presbyterian of the West (Cincinnatti)
Edinburgh Witness
Emancipator (Boston)
Cincinnatti Weekly Herald
Christian Citizen (Worcester Mass)

The Treasurer reported the list of members who have not paid their sessional tax.

Resolved, that the Standing Committee have failed in the performance of their duty in omitting to act in accordance with the resolution of the Board requiring them to remove the pictures of the ~~fetus~~ human stomach from their hangings in the Reading room. (Withdrawn)

Resolved, that the Standing Committee be directed to remove the pictures of the human stomach from their hangings in the Reading-Room. (Lost.)

Mr Evans tendered his resignation of the office of Librarian.

The Board then elected Mr Conover as Librarian.

Mr Niles was appointed advocate of the Board.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro Lowrie.

A. Reves, Sec.

Board of Managers.
Mason Library, 9½ o-clock, A.M.
Oct 29th 1847

The Board met & was opened with prayer by Bro. Pratt.

Absent at Roll-call, Messrs Blair, Brugh, Cattell, Conover, Graham, Niles Philips, Jaspan.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read & accepted.

Messrs Bush, Emerson, Heckman & Waldron were excused for absence from previous meetings.

The Cor. Sec. reported one letter received from Union Seminary, N.Y. and one written.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions reported the following as having been elected members of that Com.

Messrs Bishop
Simonton
Taylor, H.W.
Welsh
Coe
Barbour
Pauling
Loomis
Merrill
A. J. Graham
Templeton.

The Chn. of the Com on Domestic Missions & Revivals reported the following new members:

Messrs McNeely D. King
Knight Noble
Lyon Tully
Fauling W. Baker
Silliman.

The Chairman of the Com on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education reported the following newly-elected members:

Messrs Booth
Coe D. King
Davis Hay
J. R. Graham Fletcher

The Chairman of the Com on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity reported that ~~at~~ the following persons were elected members of Com.

Messrs Parsons A. Moore
W. Baker J. Moore
Burt Candor
Ramsay Simpson
G. Stewart Barr.

The Chn of the Com on Sailors Soldiers & Africans reported the following new members elected:

Messrs Shive Hay
Lyle Knight
Mackey D. King
J. R. Graham Noble
Paxton Lyon
Tully Christopher
Lourie.

Bro Pratt was appointed advocate of the Bd.

The Chn of the Standing Com reported that "the following papers have been written for & have been received & placed on the files in the Reading Room:

Christian Citizen, Presbyterian of the West, & Cincinnatti Herald.

The Edinburgh Witness & Southern Presbyterian Review have been written for but have not yet come."

Adj with prayer by Bro. Robertson.

H. Reeves. Sec.y

Board of Managers

Oratory, 1½ o-clock
Nov 24th 1847

The Board met and was opened with prayer by Mr Dunn.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Absent, Messrs Bush, Cattell, Craven, A.J. Graham, Lowrie, & Tappan.

Messrs Blain, Brugh, Conover & Philips presented excuses for absence from previous meetings of the Board, which were accepted.

The Chairman of the Com. on Public Morals, Romish Church, & Infidelity, reported the election of Mr F. T. Brown as member of that committee, & that Mr Young's name had been stricken from the roll of committee for repeated absence.

The Chairman of the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans reported that at their last meeting ~~Mr~~ the resignation of Mr Mackey as member of that committee was accepted, & that Mr W. Simonton was elected a member of committee.

"The Keeper of the Cabinet reports the reception of the picture of an African, the donation of the Rev J. L. Wilson, through Rev Dr Hodge.

Siva, To-a-pe-kong, Gun-put-ta, Degunagacka wife of Cheddasawamy & the Queen of Heaven, went down to Sandshill, spent the Sabbath, returned & resumed their places in the Cabinet. No damage done!!!" The Report was accepted.

Resolved: that the N. S. Gazette be taken for another year. (Carried.)

Similar resolutions were offered & carried in regard to the following papers & periodicals:

Washington Union, Bibliotheca Sacra, Presbyterian Review, New Englander, & Princeton Review.

Resolved: that the Commercial Advertiser, published at N. York, be taken in the Reading Room. (Withdrawn.)

Resolved: that the Chairman of the Standing Committee be directed to procure the Minutes of the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (O.S.) also ~~the~~ a copy of the Minutes of the last Assembly of the Presb^n Church, (New School.)

(Carried)

Resolved: that the Board accept for the use of the Reading Room, Mr Pratt's set of certain pictures exhibiting the results of intemperance. (Carried)

Mr Philips resigned his seat in the Standing Committee, which resignation was accepted.

Mr Root was then elected to fill the vacancy in the Standing Com.

Resolved: that Sec 1st Art 4th of the By-laws be suspended for the rest of the session. (Carried.)

Resolved: that the President of the Soc. of Inquiry be requested to state at its next meeting the rule in regard to the removal of pamphlets from the Reading Room, & the penalty incurred by its infraction. (Carried.)

Mr Blain was appointed advocate of the Board.

Adj. with prayer by Bro. Waldron.

H. Reeves.

Sec

Board of Managers

Oratory 1½ o'clock.

Jan. 4th 1848

The Board met and was opened with prayer by Mr Convers

In the absence of the Secretary Mr Dunn was chosen Secretary pro-tem.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Absent: Reeves, Blain, Rush Craven, Hectorman Lourie, & Niles.

The Corresponding Sec. of Domestic Missions reported the reception of a letter from Rev. Joshua Green.

In the absence of the Corresponding Sec. of Fo Missions the President reported the reception of a letter from Rev. H. A. Brown, of the Army Mission

The Chairman of the Standing Committee reported that he had procured, according to the direction of the

Board, the Minutes of the Old School Assembly, of the Presbyterian Church, and the Minutes of the New School Assembly; the former having been presented by the Society

Resolved that Sec 5th of Art 5th of the Bye Laws be so altered as to read as follows "None shall enjoy the advantages of the Reading Room but Members of the Society and those who shall avail themselves of the privilege by paying $2.00 annually to the funds of the Society. This however shall not exclude the visits of strangers" (laid over until the next meeting

Resolved, that the Subscription to the N. Y. Courier & Inquirer, be continued through the present year (carried)

Resolved that the Chairman of the Standing Committee be instructed to subscribe for the Daily National Intelligencer during the present Session (Carried)

Resolved, that the expense incurred by the purchase of the new Stove for the reading-room, be defrayed from the general funds of the Society (withdrawn)

Resolved, that the Society accept the offer made by Mr Root, to place upon the files of the Reading Room the Religious Recorder, Syracuse N. Y. and that they pay the postage (Carried)

Resolved, that the Chairman of the Standing Committee, be directed to write for the "Louisville Examiner", stating the rules of the Society respecting Religious papers (Carried)

Resolved, that the Chairman of the Standing Committee be authorized to pay the Subscription for the Literary World, during the past year, and to renew the Subscription (Carried)

The vacancy in the Board, made by the resignation of Mr Tyson, after Corresp Secy was filled by the Election of Mr Kirtz.

Mr Bough was appointed Advocate of the Board.
Adjourned with prayer by Mr Sheets

Robt P. Dunn
Sec. pro tem.

Board of Managers

Special Meeting,

Oratory, Jan 7th 1858.

The Board met, the President in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr Bush.

Absent, Messrs Blair, Bough, Brauer, Heckman, Niles, Pratt, Waldron.

The resignation of Mr Emerson as keeper of the Cabinet was then offered, & on motion was accepted.

The Board then unanimously elected Mr McNair Keeper of the Cabinet in the place of Mr Emerson, resigned.

Resolved: That the action of the Board at its meeting on Nov 24th in relation to the Washington Union, be reconsidered. (Carried)

Resolved: That the Washington Union be taken to the close of the present session. (Carried)

Resolved: That the pamphlets belonging to the Society be committed to the Librarian, to be bound at his discretion, - the expense not to be defrayed until next session. (Carried)

Adj with prayer by Mr Root.

Henry Reeves, Sec.

Board of Managers.

Oratory, Jan 27th 1848.

The Board met, the President in the chair. Prayer by Mr Bush.

Absent at Roll-call Messrs Brugh, Cheek, Craven, Dunn, Heckman, Niles, & Pratt.

The minutes of the last regular & special meetings of the Board were read & accepted.

Messrs Blair, Bush, Lowrie, Reese, & Waldron were excused for absence from previous meetings.

The Cor. Sec of the Com on Foreign Missions reported a letter received from the Rev Mr Lloyd, Missionary in China.

The Chairman of the Com on Foreign Missions reported one member resigned, Mr Cattell, & the election one new member, Mr Fletcher.

The Chairman of the Standing Com. reported that he had complied with the requisition of the Society in regard to the Nat'l Intelligencer & Wash'n Union, and that these papers had been written for, — also the Louisville Examiner, which the Editor states he cannot afford to send. He reported also that the Standing Com. have entered upon the duties of the New Reading Room, and that the papers have been arranged & filed by Mr Root. Also, that the pictures which the Standing Committee suspended in the New Reading Room had been taken away without orders from the proper authorities. The papers of the R. Room have been sold, for wh the sum of $6, has been received.

The Keeper of the Cabinet submitted the

following report:

The K. of the C. reports that the arrangements of the specimens & curiosities is nearly completed. With the assistance of two or three others he has classified & arranged the minerals as far as he was able. Some inconvenience was experienced from the fact that many of the old labels were lost, & hence the locality of many of the specimens could not be ascertained.

The few labels that formerly accompanied the shells & corals have also been lost or misplaced.

The curiosities, idols, &c. have suffered no injury by the removal.

Many of the insects have been spoiled, & there are but two or three cases worth preserving. W. W. McNair, K. of Cabinet.

The Librarian reports,

That since the last meeting of the Board the Library has been transferred to the new Reading Room, and the books rearranged in a more convenient order. A box containing a large number of unbound publications has been received from the Mission Rooms of our Board of Foreign Missions in N.Y. having been forwarded by the Hon. Walter Lowrie, Sec of the Board. These publications formed part of the Library of the late Dr Morrison, Missionary in China. They are as follows:

Proceedings of the Church Missionary Society, -
1801-5, 1810-12, 1830-1, 1836-7.
Foreign Missionary Register 1821, 1826-37, 1839 & 42
Transactions of Lond. Miss. Soc. 1795-1802, 1803, 1813.
Lond. Miss. Chronicle & Evangelical Magazine,
1821, 1826-36.
Lond. Missionary Chronicle, alone, 1825-1836.
Annual Reports of the Lond Missionary Soc,
1821, 1826-28, 1836, 1838, 1840, 1842.
Annual Reports of the Brit. & For Bible
Society, 1826, 1829-1836, 1838, 1840.

C. M. Conover, Librarian.

The following Resolution which was laid over from the last meeting was then read:

Amendment

Resolved: that Sec. 5 of Art 5 of the By-laws be so altered as to read as follows: None shall enjoy the advantages of the Reading Room but members of the Society & those who shall avail themselves of the privilege by paying $2.00 annually to the funds of the Society. This, however, shall not exclude the visits of strangers.

The Resolution was amended to read as follows: None shall enjoy the advantages of the Reading Room except members of the Society and other members of the Seminary who shall pay $2.00 annually. This, however, shall not exclude the visits of strangers.

The Resolution was then passed as amended.

Resolved, 1. That the Board return their thanks to Mr Lowrie for the donation of

valuable pamphlets recently received from the Mission House.

2. Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to inform Mr Lowrie that the Society, being already in possession of the Foreign Missionary Register will place the set presented by him again at his disposal.

The above resolutions were then passed.

Resolved: That the Chairman of the Standing Com. be directed to take energetic measures to recover the pictures lately removed from the Reading Room.

(Carried)

Resolved: That the following be added to Article 4th of the By-laws:

Sec 11th Any member of the Society shall have the privelege at all times of reading the books of the Library in the Reading Room.

(Laid over until next meeting.)

Mr Conover was appointed advocate of the Board.

Adj. with prayer by Mr Waldron.

Henry Reeves, Sec.

Oratory, Feb 23rd 1848

The Board met,

the President in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Mr Beckman. Absent Messrs Brugh, Bush, Cheek, Craven, Kirk, MacNair, Niles & Root.

The Minutes were read & accepted.

Excuses for absence were submitted by Messrs Beckman & Postle, & received.

The Chairman of the Com. on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity reported the election of Messrs Brown, Robison, & J.K. Davis as member of that committee.

The Chn of the Com on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans reported the election of Messrs Logan & Bishop as members of committee.

The Cor. Sec. reported two letters written, one to Union Theo Sem at N.Y. & one to Western Theo Sem, Allegheny, Pa.

The Resolution laid over from last meeting was read, and adopted as follows:

Amendment

Resolved: That the following be added to Art 4th of the By Laws:

Sec. 11th Any member of the Society shall have the privilege at all times of reading the books of the Library in the Reading Room."

The following Resolution was ~~offered and laid~~ read for the first time and laid over to the next meeting:

Amendment

Resolved: That Sec 5 Art 5 of the By-laws be altered to read as follows:

Members of the Seminary who do not belong to the Society of Inquiry may enjoy the advantages of the Reading Room by paying to the Treasurer $2.00 annually. Students of the Law School

and of the College shall be permitted to have access to the Reading Room.

*The Chairman of the Standing Com. submitted the correspondence which had passed between him & the chairman of the Com. for furnishing the Reading Room; upon ~~it~~ which it was

Resolved: That the report of the Chm of the Standing Com. be accepted, & that the correspondence be placed upon the minutes of the Board. (Carried.)

The correspondence is as follows:

*Amended to read as recorded in the margin below, & accepted as amended.

Amendment of the above section:

The Chairman of the S.C. reported, which report was accepted and ordered to be placed on the minutes. It consisted of the following correspondence:

No. 1.

Theol. Sem. Jan 27th 1848

Mr F. T. Brown,

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Society of Inquiry held this day, the following resolution was adopted, viz: "Resolved, That the Chairman of the Standing Committee be directed to take energetic measures to recover the pictures lately removed from the Reading Room."

The pictures referred to in this resolution are Eight Plates by Dr Sewell, representing the effects of intoxicating drinks upon the human stomach. Being informed by the Reading Room servant that said plates were removed at your direction, you are requested to return the same as soon as convenient.

Respectfully yours
A. M. Robertson,
Chairman St. Com.

F. T. Brown.

No 2.

H. M. Robertson,

Princeton, Jan 27th 1848

Sir.

Eight disgusting pictures "representing the effects of intoxicating drinks upon the human stomach," and presented to the Theo. Seminary, Princeton, N. J. were removed from the Reading Room by my order. When the Board of Managers of the Soc. of Inquiry of said Seminary shall show legal cause why the afore-mentioned pictures should be delivered to them, said pictures will be cheerfully restored.

Respectfully,

Frederick S. Brown,

Chairman of the Committee for furnishing the Reading Room.

To Mr H M Robertson
~~Son~~, ~~Chn~~ Chairman of the Standing Com of Board of Managers

No 3

Theol. Seminary Feb 9th 1848

Mr F. S. Brown,

Sir,

You are undoubtedly aware of the fact that the Society of Inquiry at its last meeting by a unanimous vote sanctioned the action of the Board of Managers which directed me to take "energetic measures" to recover the temperance plates that are in your possession.

If you refuse to comply with the express wish of the Society, I of course have a very unpleasant duty

to perform. I hope therefore on my account as well as your own you will see the propriety of returning the said pictures without delay, — and save us both all further trouble on the subject.

The question of legal ownership is one which I cannot discuss here. The plates were in the possession of the Society of Inquiry. It has exercised the acts of ownership over them, & of course has a right to hold them until somebody shall establish a better claim, — which you certainly have not pretended to do.

You have removed the pictures without authority from the premises of the Society. The Society order me as their agent to demand their restoration. When they have been restored, if you or any body else have a claim upon them, it can be presented and discussed in a legal way.

Respectfully,
A. M. Robertson
Chairman of St. Com. of Soc. Inq.

No 4.
Theol. Seminary, Thursday Night, Feb 9th 1848

Sir,

Your note of this day is before me. You have my ultimatum. The dictum of the Society of Inquiry, in a question of property, unaccompanied

by evidence, I must be permitted to disregard.

As to the threat you are pleased to make, I have only to say, any attempt to recover the pictures other than in the way I have mentioned, will be met promptly by the common law of the land. I have not taken this position without understanding my ground. I await the result.

Yours Respectfully,
Frederick S. Brown,
Chairman of the Com. for fitting up the Reading Room.

Mr A.M. Robertson,
Chairman of the
Standing Committee
of the Soc. Inq.

Resolved: that the following periodicals be taken for the coming year:
Edinburgh Review, London Quarterly, North British Review, Westminster Review & Blackwood's Magazine. (Carried)

A Resolution came up thro' the chairman of the Com. on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity, that the Quarterly Periodical called the "19th Century" be subscribed for by the Society. This resolution was passed by the Board.

Mr Beckman was appointed advocate of the Board.

On motion the Board adjourned, & the meeting was closed with prayer by Mr Waldron.

Henry Reeves
Secy

Board of Managers

Oratory, March 30th 1848

The Board met, the President in the chair, & was ~~called to order by~~ opened with prayer by Mr Brugh. The Roll was called; Absent Messrs Bush, Cheek, Fletcher McNair, Pratt, & Root.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read; when it was Resolved: That that section of the minutes relating to the Report of the Chairman of the S.S. Com, be amended to read as follows:

"The Chairman of S.C. reported, which report was accepted & ordered to be placed on the minutes. It consisted of the following correspondence:" The resolution of amendment was passed.

Resolved: That Mr Pratt's last report as Chairman of the Com. on Sailors, Soldiers, & Africans, be stricken from the minutes. (Lost.)

The minutes were then accepted as amended.

Excuses for absence were offered by Messrs Brugh, Craven, Kirk, & Niles, & accepted.

The Cor. Sec. reported a letter received from the Theological Seminary of Geneva.

Mr Robertson, Chairman of the Standing Com. Reported, That being informed by a member of the Faculty that the plates which he had been ordered to recover, belonged to the Seminary, he had prosecuted the matter no farther, & therefore begged to be discharged.

On motion the report was received, & the Chn of the

St. Com. was discharged from this duty.

It was moved & carried that the usual committee to examine the minutes of the several Committees of Inquiry be appointed by the Chair. The President appointed as Com. in accordance with this resolution, Messrs Niles & Kirk.

It was moved & carried that the usual Committee to make arrangements for the annual meeting of the Society at the close of the Session, be appointed by the President. In accordance with this resolution the President appointed as Com. Messrs Lowrie & Waldron.

Resolved, that a Com. be appointed to investigate the books of the Committee on Sailors, Soldiers, & Africans. (Lost.)

Mr Robertson, offered his resignation ~~resigned his seat~~ as Chairman of the Standing Com., which resignation was not accepted.

A motion for adjournment was made & seconded, ~~and lost~~ while Mr Robertson's resignation was pending, - and was lost.

Mr Lowrie was appointed advocate of the Board.

On motion the Board adjourned, & the meeting was closed with prayer by Mr Waldron.

H. Reeves
Sec^y

Board of Managers

Special Meeting.

Oratory, April 7th 1848.

The Board met, the President in the Chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr Niles.

Absent Messrs ~~Blair~~ Brugh Buck Check Craven, Fletcher, Heckman, Kirk & Waldron.

It was Resolved & carried, That the Board proceed to the election of a Chairman of the Standing Committee. ~~in place of~~

The Board then proceeded to this election, & Mr Reid was unanimously elected as Chairman of the St. Committee.

Resolved, that we proceed to elect two members of the Standing Committee to fill the vacancies occasioned by the absence of Messrs Blair & Rook. (Carried.)

In accordance with this Resolution the Board unanimously elected Messrs Hay & Lyon members of the St. Committee.

On motion the Board adjourned, & was closed with prayer by Mr McNair.

Henry Reed
Sec.

Board of Managers.

Oratory April 27th '48

The Board met, the President in the chair. Prayer by Mr Dunn.

Absent Messrs Craven Fletcher Heckman Kirk Niles. Lyon.

The Minutes of the last Regular and Special meetings were read and accepted.

Messrs Brugh Bush Chuck Fletcher & Mac Nair were excused for absence from previous meetings of the Board.

The Cor. Sec. reported a letter from the Soc of Inquiry of the Theol. Sem. at Allegheny Pa.

The Cor Sec of the Com on Foreign Missions Reported 2 letters written, one to the Rev Wm Scudder, Batticotta Seminary, Ceylon & one to Messrs Brown & Lloyd, Amoy China.

The Chairman of the Com on For. Missions reported that Messrs Knapp & Shannon had been received as members of Committee.

The Chairman of the Com on Bibles, Tracts, & Rel Education reported the election of Mr Colmery as member of Com.

The Chairman of the Com on Sailors Soldiers & Aliens reported that Mr Richardson had been reelected a member of Com, & that the following are the officers elect for the Ensuing year, Chairman Mr Waldron, Secretary Mr Hay.

Librarians Report. The Librarian reports that during the past year no additions have been made to the Library by the purchase of

books. The receipt of valuable unbound magazines & Reports from the Mission House was acknowledged in the Librarian's Report for January 1848. In accordance with a Resolution of the Board at its special meeting in January the Periodicals belonging to the Soc. have been bound, making an addition of 57 bound volumes. Mr Thompson's Bill for this work is $21.37. The sets of most of our most valuable periodicals for the year 1847 are found to be imperfect viz. the Bibliotheca Sacra & the Meth. Quarterly Review for January; Christian Rev for June; Blackwood for November; Edinburgh Rev. for October & London Quarterly for September & Dec.— In conclusion the attention of the Board is respectfully called to the fact that the Library is very deficient in recent Missionary Literature, & it is hoped that the Society will be able during the next year to commence supplying this deficiency.

(Accepted) O. M. Conover Libra=

The Treasurer's Report was submitted, and its reception was deferred to the next meeting of the Board.

The Keeper of the Cabinet Reported "That during the past year a Chinese Lantern & a set of Native Chinese Male & Female apparel have been added to the Cabinet. These articles were sent for by the Society & were procured by members of the China Mission.

During the present session the entire

~~In accordance~~ collection has been removed to the new Reading Room. The minerals have been rearranged and newly labelled. The Shells & Corals have been arranged in a separate case, & the curiosities from heathen lands have been placed according to their localities."

Wm W. McNair Keeper of Cabs

The Report was accepted.

The Report of the Com. on the New Reading Room, presented to the Society of Inquiry at its meeting on April 6th and referred to the Board was then submitted by Mr Conover, Chairman of Com. The Report was accepted by the Board & is as follows:

"The Committee appointed by the Society of Inquiry at a special meeting Dec 17th 1847 to take measures for fitting up a new Reading Room for the Society, ~~the~~ Respectfully Report that they have discharged the duties assigned them. The Expenses incurred are as follows:

Mr Leard's Bill — For Carpenter Work	$140.03½
— For Painting	14.96½
Total	$155.00

Benjamin & Harvey's Bill — for
New Stove with pipe & Zinc plate ----- $12.13
Hendrickson & Co's Bill for 2 doz Chairs — 4.50

Total Expenses $171.63

The Committee have received the following Sums — By Subscription from Members of Soc'y $85.13
From Theological Society for Library Case 11.50

Total Receipts = $96.63

Leaving yet to be collected by subscrip-

tion or a Lecture next Session — $75.00

The Com. have received as stated above, the sum of ——— $96.63

Of this sum there have been paid

to Benjamin & Harvey (in full for their acct) 12.13

to Hendrickson & Co (in full for their acct) 4.50

to Henry W. Leard ——— 80.00

Total paid out $96.63

The Com. having thus completed the business for which they were appointed so far as it can be done during the present session, ask to be discharged."

April 6th 1845 S. M. Conover Chm of Com

To constitute the committee to examine the Books of the several Committees, the President appointed in place of Messrs Niles & Kirk, absent, Messrs McNair & Fletcher.

The Committee to make arrangements for the annual meeting of the Society reported progress, — and their report was accepted.

On Motion the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday of the next week at half past one, P. M.

Closed with prayer by Mr Bruyn

W. Reves.

Rec. Sec'y.

Board of Managers

Adjourned Meeting.

Oratory, May 3d 1848.

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment, the President in the Chair, — and was opened with prayer by Mr Fletcher.

The Treasurer submitted his report, which was accepted. The Report is as follows:

"Received during his term of office $179.88
Of this he has Paid out — 133.50
Balance — $46.38

Delinquents — ~~Lamb~~, Parsons, ~~Knapp~~ Harris
46.38

W. J. Brugh, Treas.

Resolved, that Art 10: §4 of the By Laws be waived, so far as it relates to the insertion of the names of delinquents on the Minutes of the Society of Inquiry, — until the Second meeting of the Board next Session.

This Resolution was debated, & by consent of the Board was afterwards withdrawn.

The Report of the Standing Committee was called for, and is as follows:

"Report of Standing Com.

The whole number of publications of all sorts now regularly received into the Reading Room is 71. Of these, 13 are Quarterlies, 18 monthlies, 4 Semi Monthlies, 31 Weeklies, & 5 dailies. This shows an increase on the number received this time last year of 20 - viz, 4 Quarterlies, 7 Monthlies, 1 Semi Monthly, 7 Weeklies & 2 dailies.

55 of the above publications are sent gratuitously, & 16 are paid for.

The following are those paid for:

All the Dailies	$20.50
3 Weeklies, (N.Y. Evang. N.E. Pur & Lit. World)	6.00
6 Foreign Reviews	13.00
3 Quarterlies N. Eng'r. Bib. Sac. & Southern Pres Rev	10.00
Total for publications =	$49.50

The N.Y. Courier & Inquirer, the Bibliotheca Sacra, & the Pres. Review are paid only to the 1st of Jan. 1848. The Rest are all paid in advance.

During the year the Com. have drawn from the Treasury the sum of ..

	$132.00
Received from the Chr. of former Com.	21.87
Total =	153.87
Paid as per Book	152.62½
Leaving in hands of Com.	$ 1.24½

The following Bills are due and unpaid.

....To Wiley & Putnam for Bib. Sac & Pres Rev for 1848 =	$7.00
To Courier & Inq. from Jan '48 to Jan '49 —	5.00
To Mr Thompson for Binding	21.38
Servant for taking care of Room	9.00
Total =	$42.38

The Com. have examined the Books of the Recording Secretary, & Treasurer, & find them neatly & correctly kept.

They have also examined the Library & find it in excellent order. For the alterations & improvements made in this department we refer to the Librarian's Report.

The former Reading Room having become too small to answer all the purposes to which it was appropriated by the Society, at a special meeting held in Dec. last

a Com. was appointed to provide & fit up a new Reading Room. The result of this Committee's labors is our present spacious & commodious Reading Room. It will doubtless meet all the wants of this Society for many years to come. The New Reading Room cost the Society $171.63;- of this $75.00 remains unpaid. It will be the duty of our successors to take Energetic Measures for the liquidation of this debt.

Much pains have been taken in the arrangement of the Library & Cabinet in their new & enlarged locations, by the heads of these respective departments.

In consequence of the Reading Room having been fitted up de novo so recently, the Com. are enabled to assign it into the hands of their successors in an excellent condition.

Respectfully submitted by
Alexander Reid, Chn of St. Com.

On motion this Report was accepted.

"The Committee appointed to examine the Minute Books of the various committees would respectfully report as follows:

The Minutes of the Com. on Foreign Missions have been kept quite neat, much more so than those of last year. The name of Mr A.R. Smith who has not signed the Constitution of the Society is found on the roll of this committee, which is illegal.

As to the Minutes of the Com. on Sailors Soldiers & Africans, we have but little to

say in way of commendation. In the first place the minutes are kept in a very ancient book much the worse for wear. Secondly, the roll is kept in the middle of the book, & by numerous erasures & pencil marks much disfigures the minutes. We would suggest the propriety of keeping the roll on a separate sheet of paper. The minutes when kept by the regular Secretary are neat; but those kept by some of the Sec. pro-tems are very much to be censured for their general carelessness & numerous blots & erasures. We find no minutes for the month of January. The name of Mr Logan should be stricken from the Roll as he has not signed the Constitution of the Society.

The Minute Book of the Com. on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity has been kept with very great neatness & regularity.

The Minutes of the Com. on Domestic Missions have also been kept with accuracy & propriety.

The Minutes of the Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education appear very well with the exception of those written by one Secretary pro-tem. We find no record of a March meeting of this Committee. We would suggest in conclusion that the Secretaries should have a supervision of the work of the Pro-tems.

Wm W. McNair } Committee.
J. C. Fletcher }

An amendment providing for the introduction of the names of the several Secretaries & Secretary pro-tems into the Report, was moved and lost.

The Report of the Com. was then accepted.

Resolved: "That the Reading Room be kept closed during the vacation & that the Chairman of the Standing Committee be invested with full control over the papers & pamphlets pertaining to the Reading Room." This resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolved: That the Chairman of the St. Com be directed to write for the Texas Presbyterian, stating the rules of the Society in regard to papers. (Carried.)

Mr Fletcher was appointed advocate of the Board.

On Motion the Board adjourned; & the meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. McNair.

A. Reeves.
Rec. Sec.

Mercantile Library Sept. 2. 1848.

The Board met the President in the Chair & was opened with prayer by Mr Reeves.

Absent at the calling of the roll Messrs. Ramsay, Taylor, Waldron, Lyon Baker & Candee.

The minutes of the last regular and adjourned meetings were read & accepted

The Corresponding Secretary reported no letters received.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to collect funds to liquidate the debt of 75 dollars which yet stands against the Society incurred in fitting up the new reading room.

This committee consists of Messrs McNair, Waldron & Candee.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Noble.

James L. Mackey
Sec.

Board of Managers

Oratory Sept 28th 48

The Board met - the President in the Chair and was opened by prayer by Mr. Waldron -

Absent at the Calling of the roll - Mackey - Baker - Ramsey - Booth - Fletcher -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and adopted

The Cor. Sec of Committee on Foreign Missions reported through Mr Waldron a letter from the Lodiana Mission -

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions reported the Election of Messrs Goodhue & Harris as members of that Committee

The Chairman of the Com^e of Domestic Missions reported the Election of Mr. McKinley -

The Chairman of the Com^e on Sailors - Soldiers and Africans reported the Election of Canfield, Wardlaw, Farris & Beattie, Lyle Stewart & Shields

The Chairman of the the Standing Committee made the following report which was accepted

Sept 27th 1848

Since the last Meeting of the Board - the Standing Committee have issued Orders on the treasury to the amount of $25.88 - for the payment of the following bills -

Mr. Thompson for binding	$21.38
Subscription of Tribune for Sept 16th /48 to Sept 16th /49	2.50
" N. Y. Evangelist for Sept 20th /48 to Sept 20th /49	1.50
" N. Eng. Puritan for Oct 1st /48 to Oct 1st /49	1.50
	$25.88

The papers in the Reading room have been sold up to the 1st Jan 1849 - The sum realized from the sale of them is $5.81 - The July Nos of the London Westminster - Edinburgh & North British Reviews have been rec^d and are in the Library Reading room Also the Chinese Repos for Feb - & March - Calcutta Rev for March - Blackwoods - May - Christian rev & Southern Rev for Sept - The last No - of the Princeton Rev^w has also been rec^d and placed in the R - Room

Alexander Reid - Ch - of St - Com^e

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the board to collect subscriptions to pay the debt incurred in removing and arranging the Reading Room [redacted] have been subscribed for this purpose by members of the Seminary the sum of $35.50 - Of which $20.50 have been paid in -

the Committee ask to be Continued —
Sept 28th 1848 — Waldron — McNair & Candor } Com^d — Accept^d
Mr Reed offered his resignation of the Chairman of the Standing Com^d wh^d was accepted —
The office of recording Secretary being vacant on account of the permanent absence of Mr Mackey the Board Elected Mr Candor Recording Sec^y
The Board elected Mr Hay Ch^r of the Standing Com^d
Mr Noble offered his resignation as a member of the Standing Committee — which was accepted by the Board and Mr Orbison was elected to fill his place
Mr Reeves offered the following resolution which was adopted —

Resolved — That the Board accept of Mr Lowrie's offer of the N. Y. Observer and that the Society pay the postage —

It was moved by Mr Reed that we take the Washington Union — withdrawn —
Moved — that we take the Pennsylvanian — rejected
Moved — that we take the N. Y. Evening Post for the next year (in accordance with our rule) Carried
Mr Candor offered his resignation as Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Society — ~~The Board Elected~~ — which was accepted — The Board Elected Mr Laws to fill the vacancy
It was moved by Mr Conover and was adopted — that the Librarian be authorized to complete the unbound sets of Magazines that are deficient and to have them bound —
Mr Reed was appointed advocate of the Board
On Motion the Board adjourned and was closed by prayer by Mr Kirk —

[redacted]

John M Candor, Sec

Oratory Oct 25th 1848

Board of Managers -

Met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Hay -

Messrs Reeves. D. Baker Ramsey Orbison & Booth were absent at the Calling of the roll -

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted -

The Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Missions reported the election of T. Stewart, Newton Williamson as members of that Committee -

× The Chairman of the Committee on Romish Church - Public Morals & Religious Education reported the Election of Mitchel. Stewart - Rinker Rittenhouse - Harris - Bishop -

Mr Fletcher Moved - That the last part of Art. 14th of the Constitution be stricken out beginning with the words - "Immediately preceding

withdrawn

Lays over untile the next meeting -

Resolved. That the chairman of the Standing be instructed to write immediately for the Washington union (daily) - (Carried)

Resolved - That the remaining debt of the reading room be charged to the general fund of the Society - (Carried)

× The chairman of the Committee on L. L and Africans reported the following persons as members elect of that Committee. viz. Messrs H. Reeves - Miliken. Finley. Darling - McNiel

Resolved - That the librarian be instructed to examine if there are any books, and if any what books in the Library that can be sold - and to report to the Board

Messrs Dickson T. L. King Harris. Simpson Tully are reported by the treasurer as having failed to pay their Sessional tax -

On motion the Board adjourned and was closed with prayer -

John M Candon
Sec

Oratory Nov 7th 1848

Board of Managers

Special Meeting.

Met in the Oratory, the President in the Chair and was opened with prayer by Mr. Waldron.

The President stated the object of the Meeting was to consider the subject of subscription for catalogues

It was Moved -

That the board subscribe for 100 - Catalogues - (Carried) -

Moved - That the board subscribe for the Theological and Literary Journal - (Carried)

On motion the board adjourned and was closed with prayer by Mr. Coe -

John M. Candon
Sec.

Oratory Nov 30th 1848

Board of Managers.

Met in the oratory the President in the Chair and was opened with prayer by Mr. Orbison -

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted and also of the Special meeting.

The committee on S. S. and Africans reported that Messrs. Warden ~~Wardlaw Mitchell Edwards Anan & Laws~~ & L. S. Young as members elect -

The committee on Foreign Missions reported Mrs Warden Wardlaw Mitchel Edwards Anan Laws as members elect of that Committee and Messrs Templeton Welch Colmany and

Gardiner as having withdrawn -
The Cor. Sec. of the Bd reported a letter from
Mr. Dickens of the Creek Mission.
The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on S. Missions reported
a letter from Mr. Scudder of Ceylon
Mr. Fletcher withdrew his motion made at
the last regular meeting -
The Pres appointed Mr. Waldron advocate
On motion the Board adjourned and was
closed with prayer by Fletcher -

John M. Landon
Sec -

Oratory Dec 30th 1848.

Board of Managers

met & was opened with prayer
by Mr. Reid. The Rec. Sec. being absent. Mr. Fletcher
was appointed Sec pro tem. The minutes of the
last meeting were read and adopted
Mr. Ramsey, in accordance with a previous resolution
made a report of those books in the Library which may
be sold After the list was read and an oppor-
tunity was given for the members to object to those
books which they did not wish to have sold.
Mr. Connor - Moved - That the Librarian dis-
pose of the books named - (Carried)
Mr. Waldron - Moved - That the funds derived
from the sale of the books be appropriated to buying
new Missionary documents - (Carried)
Mr. Waldron - Moved - That the independent
be sent for under the rules. i.e. Subscription free
Mr. Connor - Moved - That the Librarian be instruc-
ted to sell copies of books when there are duplicates
On Motion the Board adjourned. and was closed with
prayer by Mr. Waldron - J. Fletcher Sec. pro tem

Oratory Dec 25th 1849

Board of Managers.

(Met and was opened with prayer by Mr. McClain -

At the calling of the roll Mess Mr. Conover D. Baker - Lewis, Coe - Ramsey - Lyon & Booth were absent - The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee reported that the "Independent", for which he had written, could not be sent under the rules

Mr. Graham Moved - That the Soc. pay the postage, if it be placed by any of the members on the files - (Carried)

The Chairman of the Com - on S. S. & Asylums reported Mr. Stevenson as elected a Member of that Com -

The Chairman of the Com - on Foreign Missions reported Mr. Byers as elected a Member of that Com -

The Chairman of the Com on Domestic Missions reported Messrs Warden - Templeton & Littell as members elect -

The Chairman of the Standing Com - on Motion was instructed to have a Copy of the last Minutes of the Gen Assembly laid on the Reading room table -

The keeper of the Cabinet reported Some Minerals &c from India, received through Prof Addison Alexander -

On Motion a discriminating power was allowed to Standing Com - as to the fee for the Reading room from persons not Members of the Soc -

The Pres appointed Mr Taylor - advocate of the Board

On Motion the Board adjourned and was closed with prayer by Mr. Booth -

D. M. Condon
Rec Sec -

Oratory Feb 23rd 1849 -

Board of Managers -

Met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Kirk. At the calling of the roll Messrs ~~Conover~~ D. Baker - Coe - Ramsey - Taylor Graham were shut. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted - Messrs Conover - Laws - Lyon and Booth were excuses for absences -

The chairman of the Com^d of R. C. infidelity & O. M. reported that the names of Messrs Simpson - Farris & S. Y. Moore were stricken from the roll, for absences from more than three meetings -

Mr. Conover reported a letter from the Soc of Madison of Hamilton N. Y. -

On Motion of Mr. Hay - the Chairman of the Standing Committee was instructed to write for the "Christian Observer" under the rules -

On Motion of Mr. Conover. The Ch^d of St^d Com. was instructed to write for the Methodist quarterly -

The Keeper of the Cabinet reported - that he had received - The text of SS. "Go ye into all the world" in chinese - presented by Mr. McClure through Mr. Waldron Also - A new specimen of chinese characters. Cut in Steel for the Pres - Board by A. Beyerhaus of Berlin Also A Farthing of the reign of William & Mary 1692 by a teacher of Kingston S. School through Mr Reid -

Mr. McNair was appointed advocate of the Board On Motion the Board adjourned and was closed with prayer by brother -

John M. Candor
Sec

Oratory. March 29th 1849

Board of Managers

Met and was opened with prayer by Mr Coe Absent at the calling of the roll. D. Baker Ramsey Lyon Ibbison Baldwin & Booth

Excused for absence at the last Meeting Coe & Graham -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and adopted. On Motion the "Independent" was ordered to be filed. The Chairman of C. M. R. C. & Infidelity reported "Mr Moore" as restored to his Membership in that Committee

On Motion, the Chair appointed as a Committee to examine the Minutes of the Several Committees of Inquiry Messrs Coe & Lane - and as a Committee of Arrangements for the Annual Meeting of the Society Messrs Taylor & Conover

Mr Pirkl was appointed advocate of the board and on Motion the Society adjourned, prayer by Mr Graham

John M Candor
Sec

Oratory April 28th. 1849

Board of Managers

met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Ramsey.—

Absentees,—Baker, Candor, Mc Nair, Lyon Waldron, Graham, Booth & Kirk.—

The recording Secretary being absent Mr. Obrion was appointed pro. tem.— The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following Annual Reports were then presented viz.

I. Report on the Minute Books of the Committees.—

The Committee

Appointed by the Board "to examine the minutes of the several Committees & inquire to ascertain whether they attended to the duties respectively assigned them", report that no "delinquencies appear," and hence no cause for "admonition" or Censure.—

H. L. Coe
S. L. Laws
} Com. of exam.

On motion adopted.—

II. Report of the Librarian.—

Your Librarian has but very little to report as to the Affairs of the Library during our term of Office.—

There has been no Book-binding done for the Society during the present Session, nor have any books been presented or purchased.— By order of the Board of Managers a number of Miscellanious Books belonging to the Library were sold. The number of volumes sold, was Seventy nine. The amount for which they were sold, = $20, 71c.

The design of the Board in selling the Above mentioned Books was that the proceeds of the Sale might be applied in the purchase of additional & more appropriate Works; those which were sold, with the exception of a few duplicate

copies, not bearing directly on the Chief subjects pertaining to the Society.—

The above mentioned sum has been Collected & the Whole of it loaned to the Treasurer of the Society, by order of the Board of Managers.— The Whole number of Books still remaining in the Library in a State of good preservation generally, is 940 vols.—

A single suggestion is offered. viz. It would much expedite business & also increase the advantages of the Library to the Society if they would procure a Card with a Catalogue of the Books, with the number and shelf noted, have it framed, and hung up in the Library Room.—

Jas. (R.) Ross Ramsay.
Librarian

On motion adopted.—

III. Report of the Standing Committee.—

"The whole number of periodicals taken during the year in the Reading Room, is 58.— Of which 5 are dailies, 25 Weeklies, 3 Semi Monthlies, 15 monthlies & 10 Quarterlies.—

Of these 46 are received gratis, The remaining 11 are paid for viz.

5 Dailies —	$22,00
3 Weeklies — —	6,00
5 For. Reviews —	10,00
3 Dom. Rev. —	7,00
	$45.00

Most of the periodicals are paid for until the latter part of the present year.— The Foreign Revs. are not, this year having just expired.—

The Committee have drawn orders on the Treasurer during the year for the sum of $239.34

Recd from Predecessor.— 1,24½

$240,58½

Brot up — — — — $240, 58½
Cash paid out as per Book $240, 04

Balance on hand — 54½

It will be remembered that the Society entered upon the present year under a debt of $75-, balance due on the Reading Room. This with all other debts due & paid as known, have been paid up, & the Committee are happy to commit the affairs of the Society to their successors under the most favorable auspices. —

The Committee have examined the Books of the Rec. Sec'y & Treasurer and find them neatly & correctly kept. — They have also examined the Library &c and find all in good order. —

The Committee in retiring recommend the exchange of the Stove at present in the Reading Room, for one less expensive

L. I. Hay. —
Chairman of Standing Committee.

On motion adopted. —

IV. Report of the Treasurer. —

There has been received into the treasury during the year ending May 1st. including $20,71c. borrowed of the Library Fund — — — $250, 08
Of this sum there has been paid to order of the Chairman of the Standing Committee $242, 58
Leaving a balance in the Treasury $7, 50

There is still due the term fees of Mr. Knapp and the initiation fees of Messrs. Wardlaw, Byers Husted & Warden. —

H. I. Coe
Treasurer. —

On motion adopted. —

V. Report of the Keeper of the Cabinet.—

The Keeper of the Cabinet would report that the state of the Cabinet is about the same as it was at the close of the last Session.— There have been but a few articles presented this year. A list of these will be found on the minutes of the Board.—

W. W. McClain
Keeper of Cab.—

An engraving of the edifice for the Home of (the) Friendless Females, under the care of the Society of Ladies for Moral Reform in New York, together with a Copy of the Constitution was presented by Mrs. Frobasco.—

Mr. Taylor was appointed Advocate of the Board.

On motion adjourned, with prayer by Mr. Lamb.—

John M. Candor Sec.
Jas. H. Orbison pro. tem.—

Oratory 1½ oclock PM.

Thursday Sep 5, 1849

Board of Managers met & was opened with prayer by Mr Edwards.

Absentees - Absentees Annan. Root.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

Standing Com The standing committee recommended, through their chairman Mr Parsons, the taking of the N. Y. Observer, & then moved that it be taken. Carried.

Librarian The librarian reported that he should need a book to keep the accounts of the library. Mr Childs moved that the librarian be allowed to draw on the treasurer for the amount necessary to purchase such book. Carried.

Treasurer The treasurer reported that he had in hands $18.27

Remission of dues. Mr Childs moved that the Treasurer be allowed to pay Messrs Klinte, Ripley & Byers, the sum of $1.50 on acct of their last years dues. Carried

Change of time of meeting Mr Burt reported that the Faculty desire that the monthly meeting of the Society should be held on the first day of the month instead of the first Thursday. Mr Hay moved that the Board recommend to the Society at their next meeting to make the desired change.

Advocate. The chairman appointed Mr Hay advocate for the Board at the next meeting.

On motion adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev Shannon.

Stuart Mitchell Secretary.

Catalogue of the Board of Managers, for term beginning Aug 1849

Burt	President	Parsons	Standing Committee	Deering Cor Sec For Miss Com
Childs	V. President	Milliken	" "	McKinley Ca Sec Common Dom Miss
Mitchell	Rec Sec	Bannings	" "	
Shannon	Cor Sec	Childs	Chairman Com Foreign Missions	
Annan	1st Assistant	Latourette	" " Domestic "	
Edwards	2nd "	Bishop	" " Public Morals &c	
Deering	Treas	Hay	" " Sailors Soldiers &c	
Finley	Librarian	Littel	" " Bibles Tracts &c	
Latourette	Keeper of the Cabinet			

Oratory 1½ P.M. Oct 3. 1849.

The Board of managers met & was opened with prayer by Mr Dewing.

Absentees. Absentees Burt, Shannon, Annan, Finley, Milliken, Vanmuys, Bishop, Littell, McKinley.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

Subscriptions for papers. Mr Parsons moved that the Society's subscription for the N. Y. Evening Post be discontinued at the expiration of the current year. Carried.

Mr Latourette's motion that the Journal of Commerce be taken was lost.

Mr Mitchell's motion that the Philad^a Public Ledger be taken was also lost.

On motion of Mr Parsons it was resolved that the Texas Presbyterian be taken, and, on motion of Mr Mitchell, that the Public Ledger of Philad^a be substituted for the North American.

Standing committee On motion it was resolved that the chairman of the standing committee be instructed to enforce the ~~rule~~ Bye law Art 5, Sec 5, as amended, requiring persons not members of the society who use the reading room, to pay 2 dollars per term.

Rep of Com on For Miss. Mr Edwards reported that the Committee on Foreign Missions had elected Messrs Rogers, Rankin, Paige, Walsh, Wilson, Raffensperger, Culbertson, Biggs, Marckham, Wallace, Bishop, & Leps.

Other committees The other committees failed to report their new members.

Treas's report. According to Art X Sec 4, the Treasurer reported the following persons as delinquents, ~~A Barr~~. A Cochran, A Harris, L Littell, H. C. Read, J N Shannon, Wm Simonton, ~~J D Tadlock~~, D Tully, J C Caldwell, J W Canfield, R P Farris, H Rinker, ~~J H Ritter~~, David Stevenson, E Wall, T. G. Wall, H M Painter, E. B. Raffensperger, A McFarland, Mr Burroughs, Mr Baker, Mr Swan, Mr Leps.

Time of meeting. Mr Edwards moved that the Society be recommended to change their time of meeting from the first Thursday to the first day of the month, with the exception stated in Art 16 of the printed copy of the constitution.

Advocate. The motion was carried & the chair appointed Mr Parsons advocate for the Board at the next meeting.

On motion adjourned. Closed with prayer by Mr Latourette.

S. Mitchell. Rec Sec.

Boston 12 PM Dec 31, 1849.

The Board met & was opened with prayer by Mr Childs.

Absentees- Absentees Messrs Shannon, Inman, Deming, Bishop, Littell, & Kinley.

Minutes- The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

Librarian- The Librarian reported that several volumes were missing from the Library.

On motion of Mr Hay it was resolved that the Standing Com & the Librarian constitute a

Catalogue committee to prepare a catalogue. On motion of Mr Childs resolved that they report at the next meeting.

On motion of Mr Childs it was resolved that the Librarian be instructed to inquire

Reviews into the state of the Reviews & Pamplets taken by the Soc previous to the beginning of the present year, & also as to the expense of binding the same; & to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Standing Com. Mr Parsons of the standing com reported that the "Missionary herald" has been placed in the Reading room by Mr Edwards. Also that a letter has been rec'd from China

Chinese Rep. stating that a complete set of the back numbers of the Chinese Repository ~~Lantern~~ can be had by the Society for $25, the price to individuals being $50.

Mr Parsons moved that the presiding officer call the attention of the Soc at its next meeting to Art X sec 1 of the Bye Laws. Carried.

Rep of Com on Sailors Mr Hay reported that the committee on Sailors Soldiers & Africans had elected the following members. Mess Crowell, S. F. Wilson, Stewart, Caldwell, Walsh, Klink, Tadlock, Harris, Shannon, Rittenhouse, Bannays.

Rep of com on Dom Miss Mr Latourette reported that the Com on Dom Missions had elected the following members, Messrs Moore, Forsman, Armstrong, Howell, Morgan.

Appt'mt of a com Mr Childs moved that a committee of 3 be appointed to ~~report~~ ascertain the

of inquisition. state of the various committees of inquiry, also to ascertain whether any members of the Soc remain unconnected with any committee of inquiry, & to report at the next meeting of the board. The motion was carried & the chair appointed Mess Childs, Hay & Parsons.

Advocate The chair appointed Mr Bannays Advocate of the Board & after motion of adjournment the meeting was closed with prayer by Mr Milliken

Stuart Mitchell. Rec Sec.

Oratory 1½ P.M. Nov 30. 1849.

Board met & was opened with prayer by Mr Mitchell.

Absentees — Absentees Messrs Childs, Shannon, Annan, Dewing, Parsons, Vannuys, Hay, Little, McKinley.

Minutes — The minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

Rep of Librarian. — The librarian as directed at the previous meeting reported that the following Reviews are missing from the Library, viz Southern Presbn review Mch/47 & Oct/49. Princeton Review April 48. Christian review Jan 48. London Quarterly April 48, Sept 47 & Dec 47. North British Nov 48.

postponement — Bibliotheca Sacra Feb 1847 & Nov 1848. On motion resolved that the further consideration of the report be postponed till next meeting & that efforts be made meanwhile to recover the missing numbers.

Rep of com. of inquisition, as to — The com appointed to ascertain the state of the various committes of inquiry & to ascertain whether any members of the Soc remain unconnected with any committee of inquiry, Reported as follows, (1) "They find the Com on For Missions composed of "30 members, its maximum number according to the constitution, & its meetings well "attended & duties generally faithfully discharged. (2) The Com on Dom Missions, composed of 25 members, in as good condition as it has been for some years, duties "well performed. (3) The Com on Rom Ch & Infidelity &c, Composed of 20 members, "in a healthy condition, & the interest in its exercises increasing. (4) The Com on Sailors Soldiers & Africans, composed of 23 members, some laxity in the attendance of "its members, duties discharged faithfully, & an increase of interest in the classes under its immediate inquiry. (5) The Com on Bibles, Tracts & Relig Education, composed of 15 members. The Presdt reports this com. as somewhat dilapidated, both as "to numbers & the interest taken in its objects. This is very marked in this committee "wh last year possessed peculiar life & all its meetings were largely attended & its discussions & reports characterized by zeal & interest in the members. (6) In view of the "relative numbers of those composing these Coms & the Soc of Inquiry we would "suggest the propriety of a special effort on the part of those already members & those who "have not yet joined one of the Committees, to render them, as they ought to be, vehicles "of valuable information & instruments of promoting greater interest & earnestness in "the benevolent operations of the church. But one of these Coms is full, & none of "them regarded with that serious interest they should inspire, exercising as they are "a secret yet powerful influence over all connected with them. We cannot urge "too strongly the necessity of a prompt attendance of the members on the meetings of the "respective Coms & a hearty effort to invest the objects of inquiry with more of their "real claims on the servants & ambassadors of Christ. Thos S Childs, L G Hay, Parsons - Com:

1. For Com.
2. Dom Com
3. Rom Ch &c
4. Sailors Soldiers
5. Bibles Tracts &c
6. general remarks

Report accepted, Com continued. On motion the report was accepted & the Com continued with instructions to report at the next meeting as to "whether any members of the Soc remain unconnected with any Com of inquiry."

Rep of Com on Dom Miss. Mr Latourette reported that the Com on Dom missions have elected Messrs Bottsford, Caldwell, Crowell, Klinks, McFarland, Painter, Cannings, Templeton, Bittinger, Bunting, Warden, Reid, Chamberlain, Conover.

Rep of Com on P Morals Mr Bishop reported that the Com on Public morals Rom Ch &c have elected Messrs Armstrong, J F Baker, Bunting, Cattel, Clark, Lepi, Logan, Overstreet, Moore, E Wall, S Wall, Colmery, Winters.

Rep of Com on Sailors & Rep of Cor Sec. Mr Milliken reported that the Com on Soldiers Sailors & Africans have elected Mess C H Williams & J Burroughs. The Cor Sec reported that no letters have been recd.

Special meeting On motion resolved that the President be requested to call a special meeting of the Soc this afternoon to decide on the hour of meeting for to morrow.

Wash Union discontin. Mr Edwards moved that the "Wash Union" be discontinued when the subscription expires, as it is published on the Sabbath day. Carried.

Excuses. Messrs Shannon, Bishop & Cattel offered their excuses for absence from the last meeting of the Board, & were on motion excused.

Advocate The Chair appointed Mr Latourette advocate of the Board.

On motion adjourned, closed with prayer by Mr Edwards.

Stuart Mitchell. Rec Sec.

Oratory 1 PM. Jan 1. 1850

The Board of Managers met. Absentees Mitchell, Shannon, Inman, Deming La Tourette, Parsons, Milliken, Cannings, Ray, Cattel, McKinley,

A Quorum not being present the Board adjourned

Jno Edwards Sec protem.

Oratory 1½ P.M. Jan 31, 1850

The Board of Managers met & was opened with prayer by Mr Deming.

Absentees — Absentees Shannon, Inman, & Bishop.

Minutes — The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Rep of Comm Sailors &c — The com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans reported through their chairman Mr Hay, that they had elected Messrs Williams & Burroughs.

Rep of Comm Bibles &c — Mr Littel reported for the Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Relig Education, that they had elected Messrs Price, Criswell, Nassau, Edwards, Simonton, Valentine, Milligan, Lahniser & Conover.

Rep of Com of Inquisition as to sub committees — The com. appointed to ascertain the state of the various committees of inquiry & whether any members of the Soc. remain unconnected with any com. of inquiry, in order to carry out Art 3, Sec 5 of the Bye Laws, as amended (viz is "If any member of the Soc. of Inquiry shall remain unconnected with one of the committees of Inquiry for 2 months his name shall be stricken from the roll") Reported that Messrs King, Tully & Safford have remained thus unconnected for 2 months.

Motion in reg to the Library — On motion the report was accepted & the Committee discharged.

On motion of Mr Latourrette the Librarian was empowered to have the Society's Library enclosed with doors similar to those of the Theological Society's Library.

Knickerbocker — Mr Latourrette stated that the publisher of the Knickerbocker Magazine would afford it to the Society at $2.50, half the regular price. A proposition to take it was lost.

Asmonean — On motion of Mr Childs it was resolved to subscribe for the "Asmonean" a Jewish paper published in New York.

Union — On motion of Mr ~~Hay~~ Edwards the resolution ~~rescinding~~ of Nov 30th discontinuing the "Union" was rescinded.

Jewish Chronicle — Mr McKinley proposed the taking of the "Jewish Chronicle", but the proposition was lost.

Newark Daily — On motion of Mr Childs the Newark Daily Advertiser was directed to be substituted for the New York Courier & Enquirer.

N.Y. Journal of Com. — Mr Latourrette moved that the N. Y. Journal of Commerce be taken. Lost.

Literary World. — On motion the Standing Com. was directed to take the "Literary World."

Unbound Periodicals — The Librarian, Mr Finley, reported as to the condition of the unbound periodicals. On motion the business was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs Hay, Finley & Mitchell.

Rep of Treasurer. The Treasurer, Mr Deming, reported $7.58 in the Treasury. His report was accepted.

Question as to powers of Committees Mr Milliken on behalf of the Com. on Dom. Missions submitted the question whether the Committees have the power of inflicting fines upon their members for non-attendance.

Answer. On motion of Mr Childs it was resolved — that it is the opinion of the Board of Managers that no Com. has power to inflict any penalties other than those prescribed by the Constitution & Bye Laws of the Society.

Advocate On motion adjourned after the appointment of Mr Edwards advocate for the Board. Closed with prayer by Mr Littell

S. Mitchell. Rec. Sec.

Oratory 1½ P.M. Feb 2d. 1850.

The Board of Managers met & was opened with prayer by Mr Shannon.

Absentees Absentees — Burt, Inman, Latourette, Parsons, Bishop, Hay, McKinley.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Treas's report The Treasurer reported that there was in the Treasury $12.51 and there was due to the Society $11.41

Librarians Rep. The Librarian reported (1) that the binding of the Society's periodicals would be attended to shortly, (2) that he had purchased the following works for the Library, Nineveh & its Remains, Smyths lectures on modern history, Egypt & its monuments, Life of M Lowrie, The pastors wife, Life of Dr Green, Pascals letters & History of Missions, at the cost of $18.88 for the whole, and (3) that as the Library could not be encased as directed for less than about $20, & as the Treasury was not at present able to afford that sum he had not felt authorized to involve the Society in debt by having the Library enclosed.

Miscellaneous On motion of Mr Mitchell it was resolved that the Librarian be excused from carrying out the resolution relating to the enclosing of the Library.

On motion of Mr Hay it was resolved that the Standing Com. have discretionary powers in relation to the charge for the use of the reading room.

The Com. on Dom. Missions reported through Mr Milliken the election of Mr Safford.

Mr Shannon was appointed advocate of the Board.

On motion adjourned. Closed with prayer by Mr Hay.

S. Mitchell Rec. Sec.

Oratory 2 P.M. Mch 28. 1850.

Some members of the Board met in the Oratory, but a quorum not being present they adjourned. Stuart Mitchell. Rec. Sec.

Oratory 1½ P.M. April 30. 1850.

Board met, vice president in the chair, & was opened with prayer by Mr McKinley.

Absentees. Absentees Messrs Burt, Dewing, Latourette, Annan, Bishop, Hay, Littell.

The minutes of the meetings of Feb & ~~March~~ & march were read & approved.

Report on minute books. The report on the minute books of Committees, (owing to there having been no meeting of the Board in March, when the committee should have been appointed), was not presented to the Board.

Rep. of Librarian. The Librarian reported as follows — The Librarian has rec'd of the Treas^r 20,71

He has paid for books - - - - - - - - - - - 18.53

And the remaining Library fund is $2.18

There has been paid from the Treasury of the society 75 cts for incidental expenses connected with the Library. There have been bound or are now in process of binding 34 volumes wh will cost 37½ cts per volume, amounting to $12.75 The Presbyterian of Philad^a cannot be bound this session, but will be during vacation. The Librarian has not been able to procure some back numbers of pamphlets as yet.

signed J. P. Finley, Librarian.

On motion the report was accepted.

Rep. of Standing Com. The Standing committee reported as follows. The periodicals taken by the society are

4 Dailies	at a cost of	$20.00
22 Weeklies	" "	7.50
16 Monthlies		
13 Quarterlies	" "	20.00
	In all	$47.50

The Committee has drawn on the Treasurer for $129,79 & has paid out $129,54, leaving on hand twenty five cents. The book of the Treasurer has been correctly kept. The Rec. Secretary's work is in good order.

W. S. Parsons
S. J. Milliken } Committee.
H. L. Vanmuys.

On motion the report was accepted

Rep. of Treas.

The treasurer reported as follows. The treasurer of the society respectfully reports that

he has collected 53 Initiation fees	92.75
" " " 32 Term taxes	48.00
" " " for papers sold	10.79¾
" " " for the use of the reading room, from Mr Campbell	2.00
and received from the former treasurer	7.50
	161.04¾
He has by order of the Board remitted 3 term taxes	4.50
" " refunded to the Librarian	20.71
" " paid on 21 orders from the Standing Com.	129.79¼
	155.00¼
Now in treasury	6.04½
	161.04¾

The delinquent members are

R. P. Farris	for term tax	1.50
Henry Walsh	for newspapers	37½
	Due the Soc.	1.87½

He recommends the purchase of a new book for the Treasury department. Also that the standing com. be hereafter directed to report to the Treasurer the names of the students of this Seminary who use the Reading Room & are not members of the Society of Inquiry.

April 30. 1850. Signed Thos. S. Deering Treas.

On motion the report was accepted.

Rep. of Cab. Keeper.

The keeper of the Cabinet failed to report. The Chair appointed Mr Parsons advocate of the Board. On motion adjourned. Closed with prayer by Mr Mitchell.

Stuart Mitchell. Rec. Sec.

Chapel 2 P.M. Aug 31st 1850

The Board of Managers met and was opened with prayer by Mr Edwards

Absentees — Absentees Messrs. Finley, Leps, Clark, T. Wall, R. M. Overstreet, E Wall

Minutes — The minutes of the meeting of April 30 were read and approved

Com. on For. Miss — Com. on Foreign Missions reported Mr Rankin Chairman ~~and~~ Paige Cor. Sec. and E. B. Raffensperger Rec. Sec

Com on Dom " — Com. on Domestic Missions reported Mr D. A. Wilson Chairman and ~~I Byers~~ Cor. Sec Mr I. Edwards

Pub Morls — Com. on Pub. Morals failed to report

Bib. Tracts &c — Com on Bibles, Tracts and Religious Education reported the Election of Mr Morgan to membership & Mr I Edwards as Chairman

Sailors Soldiers &c — Com on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans failed to report

Cor Sec — Corresponding Secretary failed to report

Motions — On motion of Mr Safford it was resolved to purchase a book for the Treasurer.

On motion of Mr Rankin the standing Com. were authorized to sell, when they might deem suitable, the papers now on file in the Reading Room

It was moved by Mr D. A. Wilson that the National Intelligencer be subscribed for. - Lost.

Advocate of the Board ~~before~~ at the succeeding regular meeting Mr I. Byers

On motion the Board adjourned. - Closed with prayer by Mr D. A. Wilson

Jas. Alex. Paige Rec. Sec.

Board of Meanagers

S. T. Wilson	Presdt	D. A. Wilson	
Finley	Vice Presdt	R. Mc. Overstreet	Stand'g Com.
I A Paige	Rec. Sec.	I. Byers	
Lapsley	Cor. Sec.	Rankin	Chmn. of For. Miss.
E. Emerson	1st Asst do	D. A Wilson	" " Dom. do
Rankin	2d Asst do	S. T. Wilson	" " Sailors, Soldiers, Af
I. P. Safford	Treas.	E. Wall	" " Pub. Morals
Clark	Librarian	I. Edwards	" " Bibles, Tracts &c
T. Wall	Keepr. of Cabinet	I. A. Paige Cor. Sec. of For. Miss.	
		I. Byers, Cor. Sec of Dom. Miss	

Oratory 11 A.M. Oct 1st 1850

The Board of Meanagers met and was opened with prayer by Mr Edwards

Absentees — Absentees, - Messrs Finley, Emerson, Safford, Clark T. Wall & D. A. Wilson

For Miss — Com. on F. Missions reported the election of the following members - Messrs. Blauvelt, Cobb, Sloss, Moore (J.R.), Noble, Paxton, Pratt, Sprouill & Williams. -

Dom. Miss — Com. on Dom. Missions reported the election of the following members, - Messrs. Loughery, Cameron Cobb, Harder

Rom. Infidelity — Com. on Romanism, Infidelity & Public Morals, on acct of the absence of its Secretary failed to report

Bible Tracts &c — Com on Bibles Tracts & Religious Education reported the election of the following members Messrs. Forman, Mitchell, Platt, Noble, Harder, Safford, Spade

Sailors Soldiers &c — Com on Sailors, Soldiers and Africans reported the election of the following members, Messrs Byers Lockley, Paxton, Woodhull, Leighton, Cattell, Calvin,

R. V. Moore, Foresman, Markham & Jones

Cor Sec — The Cor. Sec. reported a letter rec'd from the Soc. of Inquiry at Andover which was ordered to be read before Society

Motions — On motion of Mr. Leps it was resolved to subscribe for the Mercersburg Review. Also, on motion of Mr Edwards, for the Lutheran Observer.

Harpers' Magazine was then proposed and rejected.

On motion of Mr. Byers it was resolved to invite the Rev. Hoysington to visit Princeton and address the students upon the subject of missions

Mess E Wall & Leps were excused for absence from the previous meeting

Advocate before the Soc. of Inquiry Mr Leps

On motion the Board adjourned. - Closed with prayer by Mr E Wall

Jas. A. Paige R. Sec.

Addendum

Minutes of previous meeting were read and corrected

Oratory 1 P.M. Oct 31st 1850

The Board of Managers met and was opened with prayer by Mr Finley

Absentees — Absentees Rankin and Safford

Forg Miss — Com on Forg. Miss. failed to report

Dom Miss — Com on Dom Miss reported the election of the following members Mess Burr, Hodge, Beattie Huntington, Calvin & Hughs. - Cor. Sec. in place of Mr. Byers resigned, Mr. Huntington

Rom. Infdlty — Com on Rom. Infidelity & Pub. Morals reported the election of the following members Messrs Platt Blauvelt, Staudenmayer, Pierce, Hodge, Cornelison

Heughs and Watts.

Sailors &c. Com on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans reported the election of the following members - Williams, Kaufman, Laverty
Cor. Sec. failed to report Wheldon

Amendmts of Bye Laws Sec 13. Art I Mr Byers offered his resignation as Sec. of the Com. on Dom Miss. which was decided to be out of order as he was not elected to that office by the Board of Managers. - Whereupon Mr Edwards proposed to amend Sec 13, Art I of the Bye Laws so as to read.

"The Board shall have the privelge of ~~electing~~ filling all vacancies that may occur in their number so far as elected by the Soc. of Inquiry",-

Which was laid over for final action to the next meeting.

Sec 2 Art 8 Sec 2 of Art. 8 of the Bye Laws being suspended, which requires that election of Officers shall be by ballot, Mr Calvin was elected Assist. Cor. Sec., viva voce, in place of Mr Emerson resigned.

Motions A motion of Mr D. A. Wilson to subscribe for the North American Review - amendment by Mr Edwards "if it can be had at half price",- was carried

Messrs. Finley, Clark, & D. A. Wilson were excused for absence from previous meeting

Advocate befor Soc. of Inquiry D. A. Wilson

At nine resumes the Board adjourned

Closed with Prayer by D. A. Wilson.

Jas. A. Paige Rec Sec

Addenda. Com on Bib. Tracts & Religious Education reports Messrs Clemens, Mott, Montgomery - Elect members

Mr Price resigned - and Mr Sprague absent from Seminary. -

Oratory (Saturday, 2. P.M.) Nov 30. 185

Board of Managers met and was opened with prayer by Mr E. Wall.

Absentees — Absentees S. T. Wilson, Rankin & T. Wall

Amendment of Sec 13. Art 1st — In accordance with a motion of previous meeting it was resolved to recommend the Society to amend Sec. 13. Art 1st of the Bye Laws by annexing the words, "so far as elected by Society"

Reports of Coms — Com. on Forgn Miss. failed to report

Com. on Dom. Miss reported tht thr number was full

Com. on Bibles, Tracts, Religious Education reported the Election of Mr Millikin - Number not full - Com. in a flourishing condition

Com. on Romanism Infidelity & Pub. Morals reported the election of Messrs Woods & Barnes

Com. on Sailors Soldiers & Africans failed to report.

Reports of Offers — Corresponding Secretaries reported, no correspondence

The Treasurer reported Treasury in good condition

The Librarian reported Library in good condition [- & was instructed to have the periodicals bound so far as vols. could be completed]

Keeper of Cabinet made no report

Standg Com — Standg Com reported on terms of Mercersburg Review - for the coming year $2.50 - including the vols of the past two years, all may be had at $2.00 a year [Com. was instructed to subscribe for the coming yr only.]

Mr D. A. Wilson moved, by request, to subscribe for the N.Y. Schnellpost for 6 Mos. - Carried -

Mr Safford was excused for absence from previous meeting

Advocate bfr Soc. Mr John Edwards

On motion Board adjourned - Closed with prayer by Mr Clark

Jas. Alex. Paige. R. S

Oratory 2 P.M. Dec 31st 1850

Board of Managers met and was opened with prayer by Mr Calvin

Absentees — Absentees S. T. Wilson, D. A Wilson, Rankin T. Wall. Safford. Edwards

Committees failed to report

Cor Secty — Cor. Secretary reported three letters received from Br. Simpson of Africa - 2 from Sister Society

Motions — It was moved by Mr Lepps & carried that Correspondence be opened with the Baptist Missionary Society at Rochester, and also with the Seceder Missionary Society at Cannonsburg

On motion of Mr Byers it was resolved to discontinue the Public Ledger & the Newark Daily - and subscribe for the Princeton Magazine

On motion of Mr Calvin it was resolved to take the N. O. Presbyterian.

On motion of Mr Byers it was resolved to discontinue the subscription for the N. Y. Observer & permit Mr Edwards to place his private Copy on the Rec Room file.—

Advocate Mr E. Wall

No more business Soc adjourned

Closed with Prayer by Mr Paige

J. A. Paige. Rec. Sec

Addenda

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.—

Oratory Jany 31st 1831 (7 P.M.)

Bds met Society met.

and was opened with prayer by Mr Edwards.

Minutes of previous meetng were read & approved

Absentees S. S. Wilson, D. A. Wilson, Clark Pyers Rankin

Com on Romanism, Infidlity & Public Morals reported the election of Mr Davidson.

Cor Sec. reported letter rec'd from Andover & written to Judson Society at Rochester - to Andover - to Western Theological Seminary - & to Seceder Missionary Soc at Cannonsburg

Cor. Sec. of Com on Forgn Missns reported two letters received

Cor Sec of Com on Dom. Missns failed to report

On motion of Mr Edwards the Standing Com. was instructed to investigate the Case of the Calcutta Proctor

Keeper of Cabinet reported the receipt of Indian Curiosities from Rev A. Hodge

Advocate Mr T. Wall

No more busines Society adjourned - Closed with prayer by Mr Clark

Jas. A. Paige Recrdg Sec.

Oratory Feby 28, 1831

Board Met, Society met

and was opened with prayer by Mr Sepps.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved

Absentees Edwards, E Wall, T. Wall

Com on Foreign Missns reported the

election of Messrs Bunting & Watts

Standing Com. reported on Calcutta Review through Mr Byers, and on motion was instructed to enquire of Mr Lorry on wht terms it might be had.

A motion of the Treasurer to remit to a member of the Society a part of the price paid for a paper on file in the Reading Room, the paper having been several times removed by some other person than the owner before the time prescribed by Law, was lost

On motion it was resolved to subscribe for the North American if it could be obtained at half-price.

No more business Soc adjourned
Closed with prayer by D. A. Wilson

Jas. A. Paige Recg. Sec

Oratory, March 31. 1851

Bd met Society met

And was opened with prayer by Mr. Safford

Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted

Absentees D. A. Wilson, Clark, & Wall & J. Wall

The several Committees failed to report

Cor. Sec. of Soc. reported letter received from Secedr Miss. Soc., - and one sent Evangelical Soc. at Geneva.

Cor. Sec of Com. on Forgn Missns reported letters rec'd fr Messrs Baldwin, Wight & Cummings of China,

It was moved by Mr Safford & Carried that the Standing Com. be authorized to send for the Methodist Quarterly Review

Also moved by Mr Finley and carried that the Standing Com. be authorized to send for the Baptist & Seceder Missionary papers

Advocate before Soc. Mr. Calvin. -

No more business Society adjourned. - Closed with prayer by Mr Lefevre. -

Jas A Paige. Recording Sec.

Oratory April 30th (11 AM) 1851

Board of Managers met,

and was opened with prayer by Mr Calvin

Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted.

Absentees. L. A. Wilson, Overstreet, Clark Rankin & E Wall

The several Committees failed to report

Corresponding Secretaries made no reports

Treasurer reported :-

Receipts during past Session	162.51
Expenditures	145.62
Surplus in treasury	$16.89

Standing Committee reported :-

Reading Room at present furnished with 11 Quarterlies, 1 Bimonthly, 14 Monthlies, 3 Semi-monthlies, 21 Weeklies, 2 Dailies. - During present term have been added Mercersburg Review, International Magazine, Lutheran Observer Sent for but not yet rec'd. N.O. Presbyterian, Southern Bapt. Missionary Herald, Associate Missionary Herald, Methodist Quarterly. - Discontinued Newark Daily, Philada Ledger - Drawn from treasury $145.62. - The pecuniary affairs of Society are in a better state than at any time previous. Negotiations with Mr Lorrie respecting the Calcutta Review are leave to be carried out by our

successors :- Books of Society in good condition.

A. Byers,
for Standing Com.

Keeper of Cabinet reported :- Indian Curiosities received from Revd A. Hodge.

Advocate Mr Lepps - Adjourned with prayer by Mr D. Wall.

A. A Paige, Recording Secrty

Addenda

Librarian, Mr Clark reported :- Added to the shelves from pamphlets bound 26 vols. Recd from former Librarian $2.18 - Otherwise Library in statu quo

Oratory Sept 29th (2 o'clock P.M) 1851

Board of Managers met -

and opened with prayer by Mr Calvin -

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Absentees - Messrs Calvin Cameron Rossingburger

The Committees on For: Missions & Sailors Colonies & Africans failed to report -

Com: on Domestic Missions reported - as their Chairman Mr Calvin - Secretary - Mr Kaufmann -

Com: on Bible Tract & Religious Education reported as their Chairman Mr Safford & Mr Norman - &c &c.

Com: on Public Morals - Romish Church & Infidelity reported - as their Chairman Mr Lepps - Sec Mr Cassell.

Com: Sec. of Soc reported, that no letters had been recvd or written -

Committees on Obituaries - their reports laid over to meeting of Society -

Corresponding Sec: ~~Board~~ Com: Foreign Missions reported several ~~letters~~ received last session still remained unanswered -

Cor: Sec: Com: Domestic Missions reported that no letters ~~offices~~ as yet had been received ~~elected~~ this session -, and none written -

Keeper of Cabinet reported - that He had recived from Mr Forman specimens of coral from Missions and from Mr A. Williams specimens of shells minerals from California -

It was moved by Mr Cattell that locks etc be procured for the Cabinet, The motion was carried -

Definite Action upon the "Calcutta Review" postponed from last meeting, was ~~laid over to another~~ - referred to the Standing Committee -

It was moved by Mr Jones that the "Penn: Enquirer" a Philadelphia paper be taken by the Society - Carried -

Also moved and carried that the Standing Com: be authorized to send for the "Southern Presbyterian" -

Advocate of the Board - Mr Cattell.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Platt.

Edwin T. Williams. Recdg. Sec.

Oratory Oct 31: (2 PM) 1851.

Board of Managers met - and was opened with prayer by brother Clemmes -

Absentees - Messrs - Raffinsperger & Pratt.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Committees on Foreign & Domestic Missions, and Committees on Obituaries failed to report.

Committee on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education - Rpd. new

Members admitted.

Messrs. Mosely, Cathgart, Brown, Dietterich Woodhull, Friarson, Sickels, Blackburn & McKee.

Committee on Public Morals, Rom. Ch. and Infidelity. Reported ditto. Messrs. Symmes, Mosher, Miller, R & S, McMullin and Lipes admitted in September & in October. Messrs. Brown, Blackburn, Davis & Loewenthal.

Committee on, Soldiers Sailors & Africans, Reported no new members admitted.

Cor: Sec of Society, Reported, no letters Received or written.

Cor: Sec, of Com: on For: Missions. Reported no letters received but that he had written respectively to Mr King, of Athens & Messrs Baldwin, of China & Janvier, of India.

Cor: Sec: of Com: on Dom Missions, Reported No letters received or written.

Under head of Miscellaneous business it was moved by Brother Taylor, that the Stand: Com: be authorized to send for the Religious paper published at San Francisco and edited by the associated, New School Presbyterian & Congregational Churches.

The motion was Carried.

It was further moved, by Brother Cameron, that the same Com: be authorized to send for the "Edinburgh Witness".

Motion withdrawn.

Brother Safford moved that the Stand: Committee be authorized to send for the Methodist Quarterly.

Carried.

Brother Platt moved that the subscription for this paper begin with its current year. Carried.

Brother Davidson suggested to the Stand: Com: an improvement in the addition of files for papers in the Reading Room.

Brother Cattell offered some amendments to the Constitution & Bye Laws for the recommendation of the Board to the Society of Inquiry, which according to the Constitution lie over till the next meeting.

That to Art: III, of the Constitution, the words "And recording secretary" be inserted after "Chairman" - so as to read "All the Officers mentioned in Art: II, together with the Chairman & Recording Secretary of each Committee" &c.

That to Art: III, Section 3° of the Bye Laws, the words, "And Recording Secretary" be added.

That in Sec: 4th following - the words "By the Recording Sec:" be inserted after, "Board of managers" - so as to read "the names of members, thus added, shall be reported to the Board of Managers by the Recording Secretary" &c

That in Sec: 6th of the same Art:, the words "Through the Recording Secretary" be inserted after, "Board of Managers", in the first clause - so as to read - "When any member shall have been absent from three successive meetings of his Committee, without a satisfactory excuse, it shall be the duty of the Committee to strike his name from the roll, and report the case to the Board of Managers through the Recording Secty."

Excuses for absence, were then presented - & received -
Advocate of the Board - Brother Davidson -
Adjourned with prayer by Brother Safford -

Edwin T. Williams -
Record'g Secretary -

Oratory. Nov: 11th 1851.
- After evening Prayer -

Called Meeting.

The Board having met, agreeable to the call of the President - was opened with prayer by Brother Leps -

Brother Safford then stated the object of the meeting - to wit - to ascertain the decision of the Board as to the propriety of introducing gas pipes into the Reading Room of the Society - agreeable to which Brother Safford moved that it was expedient and that the committee of Citizens, appointed for the purpose, be authorized by the Board to furnish the Reading Room with the necessary apparatus for burning gas - The motion was seconded and thrown open for Remarks -

After much discussion - the motion was amended to read as follows.

Moved that a committee of the Board be appointed to confer with the faculty of the Seminary & the appropriate Committee of the Trustees, in relation to the admission of gaspipes into the Reading Room of the Society.

The motion was lost (~~almost~~) unanimously.

There being no further business, on motion,

The Society adjourned —

with prayer by Brother Davidson.

Edwin T. Williams.
— Rec: Secretary —

Oratory Nov: 29th 1851. (2. P.M.)

Board of Managers met, and was opened with prayer by Br Platt.
Absentees - Messrs - Calvin Howell, Huntington, Jones, Raffinperger & Safford.

Minutes of the last Regular, and Called meeting read and accepted.

Com: on Pub: Mor: Rom: Ch: & Infidelity reported Messrs Taylor & McKee, new members.

The other Committees - with the Cor: Secretaries of Society, & the Com: on For: Miss, failed to report -

The Cor: Sec of Com: on Dom: Missions reported as the previous meeting -

Committees on Obituaries failed to report. Under head of Miscellaneous business Brother Cameron

Moved - That the Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board, authorizing the Standing Committee to send for the religious paper published at San Francisco - be reconsidered. - Carried -

After due Consideration - Brother Taylor

Moved - That the said paper be taken by the Society for 6 months. - Carried -

Brother Platt then offered the following - Resolution -

Resolved - That sec: 2d art: V of the By Laws, be so construed as to forbid the taking of Papers or Pamphlets from the Reading Room without permission, by members of Committees for any purpose whatever.

Resolved That a Copy of this Resolution be sent to each Committee.

Both Carried -

The proposed Amendments to the Constitution & By-Laws, presented for consideration at the last Regular meeting of the Board - were, on motion of Brother Cattell -

- adopted -

Brother Platt moved that the Society of Inquiry take 100 copies of the Seminary Catalogue, about to be printed -

Carried -

Further Resolved by Brother Cattell - That the Cor: Sec: of Soc, be authorized to send a copy of the said Catalogues to each of the Societies with which the Soc: of Inquiry may be in correspondence - and also to Foreign Missionaries, who were formerly members of the Society -

- Carried -

Brother Platt moved - That the $7,50, overplus from the Catalogue Committee of the last Year, & entrusted to the Society's keeping, be refunded to the same Committee of the present year, to aid in meeting extra expenses -

Carried.

Advocate of for the Board, Brother Leps. On motion - the Society adjourned with prayer by Brother Cameron -

Edwin T. Williams

Recording Secretary -

Oratory Jan: 8th 1852 (2. PM)

Called Meeting.

The Board met, Rec: Sec: in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Brother Safford, Br Leps was elected President, pro tem. The Roll was called - And on motion of Br Cameron the Standing Committee was authorized to sell as usual, the Papers of the Reading Room, to the end of the Session.

On motion of Br Davidson, the Standing Committee was authorized to send for the "Primitive Baptist" a weekly paper, published in North Carolina.

On motion of Br Cameron, the Standing Committee was further authorized to discontinue the subscription for the "Union" and substitute for it the "National Intelligencer" -

There being no further business, the Board adjourned with prayer by Br Moore -

Edwin T. Williams Rec: Secretary -

Oratory January 30th. Saturday 2 o'clock P.M.

The Board met (the Vice President in the chair) and was opened with Prayer by Brother Gorman.

Absentees Messrs. Cameron, Cattell, Howell, Page, Raffinsperger, Safford, Taylor, Dr. & R. B. Moore.

The Minutes of the last called meeting was read and approved.

Com: on Foreign Missions, reported the state of Com: as usual.

Com: on Dom: Miss: Reported the names of Messrs, Beattie & Hughes, as stricken from their roll, agreable to Art: II, Sec 6th of the By Laws.

Com: on Pub: Mor: Romish & Infidelity reported their condition as usual.

Com: on Soldiers Sailors & Freedmen reported the following members admitted since the last meeting of the Board – Messrs. Wallace, Hughes, Cornelison, Howell, S. H. McMullin, Kelly, and Smith. & Hodge.

Cor: Sec: of Com: on For: Miss reported letters received from Missionaries – Messrs Wright* of the China, and Mackey of the African Mission

Standing Committee reported duties performed – and the receipt of the paper free, entitled – "The Richmond Christian Advocate."

The remaining Committees and Cor: Secretaries failed to report.

Under head of "Miscellaneous Business" Br Platt, moved that, agreable to Art: III, Sec: 9th, of the By Laws the Greek Church be referred to the Committee on Public Morals, Rom: Church & Infidelity – Carried.

Brother Davidson moved that the Stand: Com: be authorized to purchase a suitable number of locks for securing the papers in the Read: Room.

On motion of Brother Gorman with an amendment by Brother Jones, it was Resolved, that the Stand: Com: be directed to confer with the Seminary Post Master, with a view to making such arrangements as will enable them to place the papers on file in the Reading Room, as soon as they arrive at the office; or, if they fail in so doing, that they be hereby authorized to make similar arrangements in regard to procuring them from the office in town.

Excuses for absence were handed in and received. Advocate of the Board – Brother Platt. Adjourned with Prayer by Brother Clemens.

E. J. Williams. Rec: Sec:–

* A letter received from Br Mackey – and one written to Br Wright –

Oratory March 31st 5½ PM. 1852.

The Board met and was opened with Prayer by Brother Safford. The minutes of the last meeting was read and adopted.

Absentees. Messrs. Cameron, Davidson, Howell, Jones, Platt, Pratt, Raffinspirger, Taylor & R. B. Moore.

Committee on Dom Miss. reported new members admitted. Messrs Woods, Junkin jr & Fleming.

Committees on Bib. Fr. & Religious Education, Public Mor. Dom. Ch. & Infidelity and Col. Sailors & Africans. Reported, no new members received nor old ones left.

Cor. Secretary of Soc: reported two letters received, one from Andover Seminary the other from a missionary in Texas.

Cor. Sec. of Soc. of Com; on For. Miss. reported a letter received from Brother D. F. Wilson, of the Alexander High School, Liberia.

Upon one of the Committees on Obituaries. Brother Safford reported their delay as attributable to their inability, as yet to obtain the necessary information from Br. Edwards. The other Committees on Obituaries failed to report. as also the Com. on Foreign Missions, & the Cor. Sec. of ~~Society~~ Com: on Domestic Missions

Excuses for absence were then handed in, and accepted.

Advocate of the Board, Brother Forman.

Adjourned with Prayer by Brother Clements.

Edwin F. Williams.
Recording Secretary.

Oratory April 30th 2 P.M. 1852.

The Board met. Br Leps called to the chair, and was opened with prayer by Brother Safford.

Absentees Messrs. Calvin, Cameron, Huntington R. B. Moore & Raffinsperger.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Com. on For. Missions reported, the Com. not full and from necessary interruptions they have had no meeting for the last two months.

Com. on Dom. Miss. reported as their newly elected Chairman Br Kaufman and as Secretary Brother Bottsford, Jr.

Com: on Bib. Tr. & Rel. Education, reported as their President Brother Davidson. Sec. Br Clemins. Annual Reporter Br Forman.

Com: on Pub. Mor. Rom. Ch & Infidelity reported as their Chairman Br Platt. Sec. Br Symmes.

Com. on Sol. Sail. & Africans reported no election as yet.

Cor. Sec. of Society reported.

Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Miss. reported no letters received nor sent.

Cor: Sec: of Com: on Dom. Miss reported many letters written and but few received.

Standing Committee failed to report.

Treasurer of Soc. Br Pratt reported.

Amount Rec'd from former Treasurer	$ 18.39
" for Sessional & initiation fees	101.00
" from sale of papers	10.97
" " privileges of Reading Room	6.00
Total	$ 136.36
" of Expenditures	$ 134.14
" Balance in Treasury	$ 2.22

Keeper of the Cabinet reported no increase of collections to his department since the last report.

Librarian reported an addition to the Library during the past session of 9 volumes namely 7 vols bound by order of previous Librarian. "Two Years in India", donated by the Rev John C. Lowry & the "Life of Luther" donated by the Am. S.S. Union. In other respects the Library remains in the same condition as left by the former Librarian. Under—

Miscellaneous Business— Br. Forman moved that the Librarian be instructed to put the pamphlets under lock & key—

The motion lost on the ground that such or similar precautions are already included in the Librarians duties.

Brother Kaufman moved that the Com: on Pub. Mor. Rom. Ch. & Infidelity be requested by the Board of Managers to hold their monthly meetings on some other evening than that of Monday— that being the evening previously occupied by the Com: on Dom. Miss:

The Chair decided the motion out of order—

Brother Kaufman appealed from the decision of the Chair—

Appeal sustained.

The Original motion was then put and lost.

Excuses for Absences were then given and accepted.

Brother Clemens moved that, as Librarian, he be authorized to obtain the volumes necessary to complete the series, both of the "Biblical Repertory" & the "Bibliotheca Sacra."* —Cd—

Brother Forman moved that the (Library)△ be locked daily at dusk. —Cd—

Brother Taylor advocate of the Board. Adjourned with prayer by Br Pratt.

Edwin T. Williams. Rec. Sec.

Corrections— * to wit: 3 vols of each— for past 3 years— |△| Read "Reading Room".

Oratory, 2 Oc. P. M.

Tuesday, Sept. 14th 1852.

Called Meeting.

The Board met, agreeably to the call of the Pres.t and was opened with prayer by Mr C. D. Junkin.

Object of the Meeting

The Pres. stated the object of the meeting - to perform any business on hand before the regular meeting of the Soc.

Standing Com.

Mr Davidson moved that the Standing Com. be authorized to dispose of the papers in the "Reading Room", next Sat. Sept 18th which was Carried.

It was on motion,

Resolved, that Mr Ray be excused from paying the usual tax to the Society, on acct of his sickness and absence during the greater part of last Session.

Reading Room.

Mr Junkin moved that the First Class be allowed the use of the "Reading Room" for their Wednesday Eve. prayer Meeting. Carried.

Cases on the Library of Soc. Inq.

Mr Clemens moved, that a Com. be appointed to consider the Expediency of putting doors on the cases of the "Reading Room" Library of the Society of Inquiry, ascertaining, also, the probable expense, and report at the next meeting.

Amended, that it be the "Standing Com." Carried.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Symmes.

Wm Evan Jones, Rec. Sec.y

Catalogue of the Board of Managers for term beginning Sept. 1852.

Platt - President	Frierson - Librarian.	Davidson Chairn of Com. on Billets
Hodge - Vice Pres.t	Junkin E. D. - Keeper of the Cabinet.	Platt J. H. - " - " Rom. Ch. &c
Jones W. E. - Rec. Sec.y	Forman - Standing Com.	S. Hodge - " - " Sols. Sailors
Symmes J. G. - Cor. Sec.	Cornelison - " - "	J. Jones Corres. Sec. Com. For. Miss.
McMullin R. - 1st Asst.	McMullin S. H. - " - "	Kirkpatrick " " " Dom. "
Brown S. H. - 2nd Asst.	Pratt - Chairn Com. on For. Miss.	Clemens Sec. of Com. on Billets
Mott - Treas.	Kaufman - " " " Dom. "	Botsford " " " Dom. Miss.

Oratory, Sept. 30th/52 — 2 P. M.

The Board met and was opened with prayer by Mr Kirkpatrick.

Absentees. Absentees — Messrs, Brown S. H. Cornelison, Frierson, S. Jones, Kaufman & S. G. Symmes.

Minutes. Minutes of April 30th were read and adopted. Also — " — " the Called Meeting, Sep. 14, read & adopted.

Com. For. Mis's. Committee on For. Mis'ns reported no meeting as yet.

" Dom. " — Committee on Dom. Missions — " — the following gentlemen as newly-elected Members, Messrs; Ray, Beggs, Jewett Heberton, Barnes, F. M. Symmes Total no. 620.

Bibles, Tracts &c. Committee on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education reported the following as elected, Messrs, Chapin, W. G. Brown & Crane.

Pub. Mor. &c. Committee on Pub. Mor. Romish Ch. & Infidelity failed to report.

Sailors, Sold. &c. Committee on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans reported, S. Hodge Chairman, S. H. McMullin Secretary, and the following as newly elected, Messrs, Miller, Mott, Blauvelt & Carroll. Annual Reporter, Mr Miller.

Cor. Sec. of Soc. Cor. Sec. of Society failed to report.

" " For. Miss. Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Miss. reported through Mr Nevius, — a letter sent to Rev S. A. Wilson, Africa and one to Rev. P. J. Gulick, Oahu, Hawaian Islands.

? Also one recd from Rev Mr Rankin, Ningpo, China.

Cor. Sec. Dom. Mis's. Cor. Sec. of Com. on Domestic Miss. reported, no letters received or sent.

Obituaries. Upon the Com. of Obituary of Mr Graham, Mr Kirkpatrick reported that he is unable to ascertain anything respecting him, and the rest of the Com. having left the Sem., he wished to be discharged.

On motion his request was granted.

Standing Com. The Standing Com. reported that they have sold the papers of the Reading Room from the middle of May to the first of Jan. next, — realizing the sum of $9.

also, that they have subscribed for the "National Intelligencer."

Miscell. Bus.

Under Miscellaneous business, the Standing Com. reported that they had ascertained that the doors could be put on the Library of the Soc. for $25.

Library of Soc.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

The Standing Com. through their Chairman, Mr Forman, gave in the following Statement (on paper), which, on motion was accepted for the future consideration of the Board. To wit:

"Whereas it has become
"necessary to adopt some plan, the more effectually
"to secure the papers & other periodicals of the Reading
"Room, the Standing Com. would therefore, in view
"of the low state of the funds of the Society, rec-
"ommend the adoption of the following plan:

"1. To strike out of the Constitution & By-laws all re-
"lating to the Library & the office & duties of the Librarian.
"2. To transfer all the books, periodicals &c belong-
"ing to the Library, to the Seminary Library.
"3. The Seminary to furnish the Reading Room
"with a sufficient number of iron files or
"clasps to secure all the Quarterlies & magazines.
"4. These latter periodicals to remain upon the files
"three months & then to be transferred to the
"Seminary Library.
"5. The reporters to the Committees & the Soc. of
"inquiry to have special privileges with regard
"to the Missionary works, documents &c. belonging
"to the Seminary Library."

Pres. Banner.

Mr Kaufman moved that the thanks of the Board be tendered to the Rev. Mr McKinney for the offer to the Soc. of the "Presbyterian Banner" gratuitously.

Carried.

(Miscellaneous business continued.)

"Edinburgh Witness"

Mr Davidson moved that the Board authorise the Standing Com. to subscribe for the "Edinburgh Witness."

Mr Clemens moved as an amendment, that it be taken only for the next six months. Carried.

The original motion with the amendment was then taken & carried.

Correct the Constitution.

Mr Forman moved that the Chairman appoint a Com. of three to write out a correct copy of the Constitution.

The motion being carried, the Chair appointed Messrs W.E. Jones, R. McMullin and Mott.

Mr Mott moved that the Secretary be requested to report in 3 weeks whether any resolution has been passed exempting from the usual Session tax to the Society any other officers than those named in Sec. 6. Art. 4th of the By-Laws. Carried.

"Pres. Review".

* Mr Davidson moved that the Standing Com. be authorized to subscribe for the "Presbyterian Review", published at Phila.

Mr Mott moved that it be substituted for the "Princeton Review",— as an amendment to the motion. The amendment was withdrawn. The original motion was then taken & carried.

"Princeton Review".

Mr Mott then moved that we discontinue taking the "Princeton Review."

Mr Botsford moved that the motion be laid on the table;— but after some discussion, he withdrew the motion.

The orginal motion was then taken and lost.

Mr Mott then moved that

* The rest of the motions on this page ordered to be stricken out because withdrawn or lost.

the Standing Com. be requested to notify the Proprietors of the "Princeton Review" that the Society does not feel able to continue the Subscription, but will accept it, gratuitously. Withdrawn -

Closing the Reading Room on Sabbath.

Mr S. H. McMullin moved that the Standing Com. be authorised to lock the door of the Reading Room on Sabbath. Carried.

Excuses.

Excuses for absence were then given & accepted.

Advocate.

Advocate of the Board, Mr Davidson.

Minutes of the Board.

The Chairman decided that the minutes of the Board should be read to the Society, under the head of "Miscellaneous business," instead of at the opening of the meeting as heretofore. No motion, however, was before the Board.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Mott.

W. E. Jones
Rec. Sec.y

Oratory: Oct 30th 1852 -- 11 A.M.

The Board met and was opened with prayer by Mr Botsford.

Absentees

Absentees, Messrs S. H. Brown, Cornelison, R. McMullin, S. H. McMullin & Kirkpatrick.

Minutes.

Minutes of Sept 30th were read, and on motion of Mr Forman those "motions" not carried, or withdrawn, were ordered to be stricken out. Adopted as amended.

Com. on For. Miss.

Com. on For. Miss. reported, Chairman Mr J. H. Pratt, Sec. Mr Clemens & newly elected, Messrs, H. B. Pratt, James, Carroll, Edmonds, Ellinwood, Malcom & Reardon. An. Reporter, Mr Sproull.

Com. on Dom. Miss.

Com. on Domestic Miss. reported, Messrs Reardon, McKnight, Smith Bucknor, Ellinwood & Lubkirk as new members.

Com. on Bibles &c — Com. on Bibles, Sr. & Relig. Education reported as newly elected Messrs Mundy, Witherow & Gray.

Com. on Pub. Mor. — Com. on Pub. Mor., Hom. Ch. & Infidelity reported, Messrs Hinsdale, McCauley, Hempstead, Batcheldor, Heberton, Pendall, Westcott, W.F. Junkin, & Giltner, as new members.

Com. on Soldiers &c — Com. on Sold., Sailors & Freedmen failed to report.

Obituary. — On motion, Mr Davidson was appointed on the Com. of the Obituary of Mr Cummings, in place of Mr Forman, resigned.

Stand. Com. — The Standing Com. reported — that they had subscribed for the "Presbyterian Review", and made arrangements for getting the "Edinburgh Witness."

Com. on Constitution. — Com. on preparing a correct copy of the Constitution reported progress.

Amendment to the Const. — The Amendments to the Constitution & Bye-laws proposed by the Standing Com. at the last meeting, were, on motion recommended to the Soc. for adoption.

The other arrangements proposed by said Com. were on motion adopted.

A motion made that the Standing Com. be authorized to carry out those arrangements, was carried.

Eve. Bulletin. — It was moved that the "Penn. Inquirer" be discontinued & the "Eve. Bulletin" of Phila. be substituted.

Amended, — that we discontinue the "Penn. Inquirer", which was carried.

Moved, — that the Standing Com. subscribe for the "Eve. Bulletin" of Phila. Amended — for six mos. only.

The orginal motion & amendment were then carried.

It was moved that the Standing Com. subscribe for the weekly "Louisville Journal". Carried.

It was moved that all after the word "delinquents" in Art. 10, Sec. 4, (Bye-laws) be stricken out & the following substituted. — "The names of members who have not paid all their dues before the sixth regular meeting of each Session, shall be then reported to the Board, and their names

stricken from the Roll." The motion was laid over until the next meeting.

Com. to examine the Minutes of the Com.s — On motion, a Committee of three was appointed to examine the Minutes of each Com. & report to the Board, — viz. Messrs Mott, Kaufman & S. Hodge.

Excuses. — Excuses for absences were then given & accepted.

Advocate. — Advocate of the Board, — Mr S. G. Symmes.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Hodge.

Wm Evan Jones,
Recording Sec.y

Oratory, Nov. 30th 1852. — 11 A. M.

The Board met and was opened with prayer by Mr Hodge.

Absentees. — Absentees, Messrs. Clemens, Cornelison, Frierson, P. Jones, E. S. Junkin, Kaufman, Mott & Kirkpatrick.

Minutes. — Minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted.

Com. on For. Miss. — Com. on For. Miss. failed to report.

Com. " Dom. " — Com. on Domestic Miss. reported as newly-elected Messrs Beggs, Malcom, Heberton, Marshall, Gray, Wheat, and Messrs Cameron & Lester as absent three successive meetings.

" " Bibles &c — Com. on Bibles, Jr. & Relig. Education reported Mr Marshall as elected. [and omit this clause Mr Life as absent three successive meetings.]

" " Pub. Mor. &c — Com. on Pub. Mor., Dom. Ch. & Infidelity reported as elected Messrs Foote & Skillman, * [and omit Mr Life as absent three successive meetings.]

" " Soldiers &c. — Com. on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans reported Messrs James & Witherow.

Corres. Sec. Soc. — Corres. Sec. of the Soc. reported a letter recd from the Judson Soc. of Inquiry in the Rochester Institute.

Cor. Sec. on For. Miss. — Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Miss. reported a letter recd a letter from Rev S. R. Wright, Shanghai, China.

" " " Dom. — Cor. Sec. of Com. on Dom. Miss. reported no letters recd or written.

The Com. to revise the Constitution reported that they have inter—

* This clause was wrongly reported to the Secretary.

leaved a printed copy of the Constitution, inserting therein the amendments adopted since the printing of the present Constitution." On motion, the Report was accepted & Com. discharged.

Com. on the Minutes.

Com. to examine the Minutes of the several Com^s. reported, and on motion the report was accepted & the Com. discharged when they shall have read their report to the Soc^y.

Standing Com.

Standing Com. reported that they have subscribed for the "Ev^g Bulletin" for one year, and for the "Louisville Journal".

Alteration of the Bye-laws.

The proposed alteration of Art. 10th, Sect. 4th of the Bye-laws laid over from the last meeting, was on motion recommended to the Soc. for adoption.

Com. as to amending the Const^n.

It was moved that a Com. be appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending the Constitution as to the time necessary to elapse between the proposing of an amendment to the Constitution or Bye-laws and its adoption by the Society.

The Motion being carried, the Chair appointed Messrs S. H. Mc Mullin, Forman & D. G. Symmes.

Treasurer.

The Treasurer reported to the Soc. the names of delinquents. Art 10. Sec 4

Excuses.

Excuses for absences were then given & accepted.

Advocate.

Advocate of the Board, Mr Mott.

Adjourned

with prayer by Mr Kaufman.

Wm E. Jones —
Rec. Sec^y.

Called Meeting. Oratory, Dec. 10th 1852 — 2 P.M.

The Board

met and was opened with prayer by Mr Kirkpatrick.

The Chairman stated the object of the Meeting to be the consideration of business relative to the Reading Room.

Reading Room

It was moved that

the Standing Com. be authorized to dispose of the four Cases on the Eastern side of the R. Room. Carried.

Cases in the Reading Room.

On motion said Com. were also empowered to make the two

Standing desks, on the East side of the Room, double, and provide files for them, and also new ones for the rest of the desks.

Duplicate of the books.

On motion the Board agreed to receive the duplicates of the books which were given to the Sem. Library, and dispose of them at Auction.

Sale of the books.

It was also moved that if this proceeding be not disapproved of by the Society of Inquiry, the Standing Com. be authorized to sell them to-morrow at 2 P.M. Carried.

Spec. meeting of the Society.

An amendment was made and Carried, that a Special Meeting of the Society be held this Eve. after prayers, to hear the report of the Board of Managers.

The original motion was then taken and Carried.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr E. D. Junkin.

William E. Jones
Recording Sec.y

Oratory, Dec. 23rd 1852. — 2 P.M.

The Board met and was opened with prayer by Mr E. D. Junkin.

The several Committees failed to report.

Cor. Sec. of Soc.

Cor. Sec. reported a letter recd from the Soc. of Inquiry in the Seminary at Columbus, S. C.

Cor. Sec. Com. For. M.

Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Mis. reported no letters recd or written.

" " " Dom. M.

Cor. Sec. of Com. on Dom. Mis reported no letters recd or written.

On Motion the Cor. Sec. of the Soc. was authorized to answer the letters recd from Rochester & Columbus.

Edinburg Witness.

Standing Com. reported that they have recd the Edinburgh Witness.

Chairs in the Reading Room.

On motion the Standing Com. were authorized to procure chairs and Spittoons for the Reading Room.

It was moved that the Standing Com. be instructed to prohibit

Smoking in the Reading Room.

Smoking in the Reading Room. Carried.

Catalogues.

It was also moved that the Standing Com. be instructed to take 90 of the new Catalogues, and distribute them as usual. Carried.

Constitution and By-laws.

On motion the Rec. Sec. was authorized to erase from the Constitution and By-laws the Articles in reference to the Library which were lately repealed.

absences.

Excuses for absences were then taken and accepted.

Advocate.

Advocate of the Board Mr Junkin.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr J. Jones.

William E. Jones—
Rec. Sec.

Oratory, Jan. 19th 1853. 1½ P.M.

Called Meeting.

The Board met and was opened with

Prayer.

prayer by Mr E. C. Botsford.

Papers in the Reading Room.

It was moved that the Standing Committee be authorized to sell the papers in the Reading Room. Carried.

On motion

Adjourned.

Adjourned.

Wm E. Jones—
Rec. Sec.y

Oratory. Jan. 29th 1853— 2 P.M.

The Board

met and was opened with prayer by Mr Mott.

Absentees.—Messrs Botsford, Cornelison, Davidson, Kaufman & Kirkpatrick.

Minutes of the last regular meeting & the called meeting were read and accepted.

Com. on foreign Missions failed to report.

Com. on Domestic Miss. reported Mr Carroll stricken from the roll.
Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Relig. Education reported

Com. on Pub. Mor. Rom. Ch. & Infid. reported Mr J. H. McMullin as a new member.
Com. on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans reported Mr James elected, and Messrs Carroll and Miller as delinquents.
Cor. Sec. of Society reported no letters written or received.
Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Miss. reported no letters written or received.
Cor. Sec. of Com. on Domes. Miss. failed to report.
The Standing Com. reported that they have sold the papers of the Reading Room, and distributed the Catalogues.

Under

Miscellaneous business, the Standing Com. were, on motion, authorized to pay the bill for the "Calcutta Review", and order its discontinuance.

*It was moved that a Com. of three be appointed to make out a list of the members of the Society. The motion being carried, the Chair appointed Messrs Hodge, Brown and Clemens.

On motion the Standing Com. were authorized to subscribe for ~~the~~ "Silliman's Journal."

It was then moved that the Standing Com. be authorized to subscribe indefinitely for the "Edinburgh Witness." The motion was carried.

On motion the Standing Com. were authorized to subscribe for the "Primitive Baptist" for one year.

It was moved that Standing Com. make inquiry as to the possibility of getting the use of the Sem. Library Copy of the "Princeton Review." Carried.

On motion the Rec. Sec. of the Society was requested to notify the delinquents reported to the Board of the penalty inflicted by Art 3rd, Sec. 6th of the By-laws, where said persons were members of only one Committee, or were delinquent in two.

*This was a motion to ascertain what members of the Soc. are not members of any Committee.

It was moved that the book case engaged by the Mission Colored School of this place, be presented as a gift to said School.

Advocate of the Board, Mr Kaufman.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Symmes.

W. E. Jones Rec. Sec.

Oratory, Feb.y 26th 1853

The Board met, - V. Pres. in the chair - Opened with prayer by Mr S. H. Brown.

Absentees. Absentees, Messrs Botsford, W. E. Jones, Kaufman, Platt, S. H. Pratt, S. G. Symmes.

Minutes Minutes of the last regular meeting were read, & after correction, adopted.

Com. on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans reported the election of Mr Gilmour & the resignation of Mr Forman.

The other Committees failed to report.

Standing Com. Standing Com. reported that Silliman's Journal has been obtained, and also that by the kindness of the Rev Mr Peterkin the Southern Churchman & Episcopal Recorder had been placed in the Reading Room.

Obituaries Com. on Obituaries was discharged.

Com. on the Minutes Com. to examine the minutes & ascertain whether there were any members of the Society not members of any Com., reported that Mr Chapin was not a member of any of the Committees & therefore delinquent.

On motion the Com. was discharged.

Com. on the Constitution Com. appointed to "inquire into the expediency of amending

the Constitution as to the time necessary to elapse between the proposing of an amendment to the Constitution or By-laws & its adoption by the Society" reported that they had been too busy to attend to the appointment. On motion, the report was accepted & the Com. discharged.

Thanks to Rev. Mr Peterkin

It was moved that the thanks of the Board be tendered to the Rev Mr Peterkin for the papers above mentioned. Carried

The Chair having decided that this was the business of the Standing Com., an appeal was made & sustained.

Advocate -

Advocate of the Board, Mr Clemens.

Adjourned.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Kirkpatrick.

S. Jones,
Sec. pro tem.

Oratory, March 30th/53

The Board met & was opened with prayer by Mr S. H. Brown.

Absentees, Messrs Cornelison, Forman, Kaufman, R. McMullin & Kirkpatrick.

Minutes

Minutes of the last regular meeting were read, & adopted.

Com. Dom. Mss.

Com. on Domes. Mss. reported Messrs Miller, Sewett & ~~Brown~~ as having been absent three successive meetings.

Com. on Pub. Mor., Pom. Ch. & Infidelity reported that they recd Mr A. S. Sewett into the Committee.

The other Committees made no report.

On motion Mr. Chapin was exempted from the 2nd payment of his Initiation fee.

Initiation fee

Standing Com. reported that the Seminary Librarian
Princeton Rev.w will give the Society the use of the "Princeton
Review", and therefore moved that the So-
ciety discontinue its subscription,—which
was carried.

Anniversary It was moved that the Society's Anniversary be held
on the last Thursday of the Session. Carried.

Hastings Soc. On motion, the Hasting Society are to be requested to
take charge of the singing on that occa-
sion.

St. Com. On motion, the Standing Com. were requested to pro-
cure a place in which to hold the Anniversary
Excuses for absence were then taken & accepted.

Advocate Advocate of the Board,—Mr E. D. Junkin.

Adjourned
with prayer by Mr Symmes.

W. E. Jones—
Rec. Sec.

Oratory, April 30th 1853

The Board
met & was opened with prayer by Mr Pratt.

Minutes Minutes of the last meeting read and accepted.

Com. For. Mis. Com. on For. Mis. reported as their newly elected Chairman,
Mr J. Jones;—Rec. Sec., Mr James;—Cor. Sec. Mr Crane.—
1st Asst Cor. Sec. Mr Malcom, & 2nd Asst, Mr H. B. Pratt.
Annual Reporter, Mr J. G. Symmes; An. Essayist Mr Morse.

Com. Dom. Mis. Com. on Dom. Mis. reported as follows;—Chairman Mr E. D. Junkin,—
Rec. Sec. Mr Barnes:—Cor. Sec. Mr Cooper.

Com. Bib. &c. Com. on Bibles, Tr. & Relig. Education reported as Chairman, Mr
Sickels;—Sec. (Ru.) Mr Graham.

Com. Pub. Mor. &c Com. on Pub. Mor., Rom. Ch. & Infidelity, reported as Chairman,
Mr J. G. Symmes;—Rec. Sec. Mr H. S. Hinsdale.

Com. Sold.s &c. Com. on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans reported as follows:—
Chairman, Mr Kelly:— V. Pres. Mr Mathers:—
Rec. Sec. Mr Goodspur:— Cor. Sec. Mr Barnes:—
Reporter, Mr R. McMullin. and
Mr Chapin elected a member of the Com.

Cor. Sec. For. Miss. Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Miss.' reported a letter written to the Rev J. H. Wright, Shanghai, China, & one to the Rev. Geo. McQueen, Africa.

Ex. Com. Report. The Standing Com. reported:—
"That the expenses of the Soc. for the year ending
"May 2nd /53, have been as follows:—

For Periodicals	$65.00
" Bill for Calcutta Review	37.00
" Incidental Expenses of R.R.	29.32½
" Chairs, files, fixing desks	81.16
" Postage	10.27½
" Thompson's bill for binding Bks	10.13.
" Catalogues	5.62½
Total	$238.61½

"The arrangements contemplated in the changes which
"were made in the Constitution in Dec. last, have been
"fully carried out. A portion of the books belonging to
"the Soc, together with three of the cases. The amt
"realized by these sales was $99.97, of which there is
"yet due the Soc. $12.14. The amt expended in the
"Reading Room for chairs, files & enlarging two of the desks,
"was $81.06. Of this the Seminary is to pay $50.00; so
"that there is now due the Soc. from these sources, the
"sum of $62.14.
"The no. of vols. donated to the Sem. Lib. was 1092 togeth-
"er with more than 1000 unbound publications.
"The periodicals now regularly rec'd by
"the Soc. are as follows:—

(over leaf.)

"Dailies. — 3.
Semi Weeklies, - 1
Weeklies, 31
Semi Month. paper, 1
Monthly papers, 6
—"— Mag.s -15
Quarterlies, - 14
Total 71

"Of these, 50 are rec'd gratis: the other 21 at an "annual cost of $75.50.

A. P. Forman
Chair.n of Stand. Com.n"

Keeper Cab.s Report. The Keeper of the Cabinet reported

"That during the term of his Office he has rec'd the "following donations to the Cabinet:-

"From Rev Dr A. Alexander. - two canes, - one made from "the log of the Old "Log College", - the other from Tennents "house, & once the property of Whitefield.

"From Mr Morris, - an Indian Antiquity, found on "the "old Indian field."

"From Mr Lowrie of N. Y. an Engraving of the baptism "of a New Zealand Chief.

"From Mr G. S. Mott, - the following coins:-

9 British pennies
4 French coins of various values.
2 U.S. coins - a cent of 1793, & one ½ cent.
1 Coin of the Island of Sultana, 1804.
1 Belgian coin, 1833
3 Russian coins - 2 of 10 Kopecks. & 1 of 2 Kopecks
1 Rappen of Canton Zurich, 1842
7 Copper coins of various inscriptions, but mostly illegible.
1 brass coin with the inscription, "W.m H. Seward our next Governor, & on the reverse, "A faithful friend to his country".

In all, 29 coins of copper & brass.

"The Keeper of the Cabinet would report farther,
"that that portion of the Cabinet containing the
"curiosities is not in a very good condition. It
"needs to be entirely re-arranged. This work
"he would recommend to his successor in of-
"fice. All of which is respt.y submitted.

E. D. Dunklin
Keeper of Cab."

Treas. Report. The Treasurer of the Soc. reported,

"Am't recd from former Treasurer — $7.47½
" " for Session dues from 41 numb. 63.00
" " " Initiation fees fr. 33 " — 57.75
" " from sale of papers 21.00½
" " for privilege of Read. Room — 4.00
" " from sale of books — 90.97
" " " sale of book case 3.00
$247.20
Am't paid — 240.11
Balance — $ 7.09

"Am't due &c. — $13.64.

G. S. Mott, Treas.r"

St. Com. The Standing Com. reported that they have obtained the use of the 1st Pres. Ch. for the Anniversary occasion.

Excuses. Excuses for absence were then taken.

Advocate for the Board, Mr Davidson.

Adjourned. Adjourned with prayer by Mr Mott.

S. Jones,
Rec. Sec. pro. tem.

Wm E. Jones,
Rec. Sec.

Oratory - Sept. 13th 1853 - 2 o'ck P.M.

Called Meeting -

The Board met, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Blackburn -

Absentees - Absent - Messrs. Barnes, Crane, Edmonds, Hinsdale, Jones, Kelly, and Pratt.

Objet of meeting - The President stated the object of the meeting to be the transaction of any business on hand before the regular meeting of the Society.

Papers in R. Rm - On motion - The Standing Committee were authorized to sell the papers in the Reading Room, next Saturday, Sept. 17th at 2 o'clock P.M.

N.Y. Tribune & Phila. Eve. Bull. - Mr. S. McMullin moved that the N.Y. Tribune and Philadelphia Evening Bulletin be discontinued at the expiration of the present subscriptions - Carried -

N.Y. Times & N. American - On motion the Standing Committee were authorized to subscribe for the New York Daily Times, and the "Triweekly North American", of Philadelphia -

Wash. Intelligencer - Silliman's Journal - On motion - the Tri-weekly Washington Intelligencer was substituted for the Daily paper.

On motion - the subscription to "Sillimans Journal" was discontinued at the end of the present year.

London Times - On motion - The Standing Committee were authorized to subscribe for the "Weekly London Times", for one year -

R. Room. - On motion - The Standing Committee were authorized to pay for painting the Reading Room.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Junkin

R McMullin -
Rec. Sec.

Oratory, Sept. 29th 1853 - 2 o'clk P.M.

The Board met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Blackburn -

absentees - Absent - Messrs. Cooper, Crane, Graham, Hinsdale, James, Junkin, Kelly, Loewenthal, and Sickels.

Minutes - The minutes of the last regular & called meetings were read and adopted.

Reports - The Reports from the Recording Secretaries of all the Committees from the Cor. Sec. of the Society, & from the Cor. Sec's of Foreign and Domestic Missions Committees, - all failed -

Rep. St. Com. The Standing Committee reported that they had sold the papers in the R. Room realizing the sum of $7.05 - Also - that a General Index for 20 vols. of the Chinese Repository had been received: which on motion, was ordered to be sold.

Chinese Repos'y.

Evening Bulletin Miscellaneous Business - Mr. S. McMullin moved to reconsider the previous motion to discontinue the Philada. Evening Bulletin; which was carried. The question then coming up on the original motion, it was lost.

R. Room. On motion - the use of the R. Room was granted to the First Class, for their weekly prayer-meeting.

Excuses. Messrs. Barnes, Edmonds, Jones and Pratt were excused for absence.

Advocate for the Board - Mr. Blackburn -

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. S. McMullin -

Robt McMullin
Rec. Sec.

Oratory, October 8th 1853 - 2 o'clk P.M.

Called Meeting -

The Board met, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Loewenthal -

[See over]

Absentees- Absent - Messrs. Blackburn, Crane, Hinsdale, Kelly, and Pratt.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee read a letter from
London Times the agents of the "London Weekly Times", proposing to substitute in its place any other foreign periodical: when -

On motion - the London Weekly Times was discontinued -

Kitto's Journal. On motion - the Standing Committee were authorized to subscribe for "Kitto's Journal of Sacred Literature" -

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Barnes -

R McMullin
Rec. Sec.

Oratory, October 29th 1853. 2 P.M.

The Board met, and in the absence of the President, was called to order by the Secretary. After prayer by Mr. Kelly, Mr. Barnes was on motion appointed Chairman pro.tem. -

absent - Absent - Messrs. Graham, Jones, Morse, & Symmes -

Minutes - The Minutes of the last regular & called meetings were read and adopted.

Rep. Com. F.M. The Sec. of the Com. on Foreign Missions reported Messrs. Armstrong, Bower, Brown, Buckner, Crane, Law, Mackey, Stewart and Wilson - as new members -

" " Dom. M. The Sec. of the Com. on Domestic Missions reported as a new member Mr. Mathes -

" " R.C.P.M. The Sec. of Com. on Rom. Church, Public Morals & Infid. reported Messrs. Clark, Lübkert & Nixon as new members.

" " S.S. & A. The Com. on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans reported Messrs Brooks, Clark, Hall, Jennison, Marshall & Williamson as new members -

Rep. Cor. Sec. F.M. The Cor. Sec. of Com. on Foreign Missions reported letters written – one to Rev. J. L. Mackey, Corisco – and one to Rev. E. T. Williams, Corisco – soliciting correspondence from him.

n St.S Com. The Standing Committee reported that they had written for Kitto's Journal & the Tri-weekly Washington Intelligencer

Ready Room. On motion – the Secretary of the Board was ordered to post a copy of the law as to smoking in the Reading Room on the door of the Reading Room –

Excuses for absence were given & accepted.

Advocate. Advocate for the Board, Mr. Lacrenthal.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Junkin –

R. McMullin
Rec. Sec'y.

Oratory, November 26th 1853.

The Board met, and was opened with prayer by Mr. James

Absentees. Absent – Messrs. Barnes, Blackburn, Crane, Hinsdale, Lacrenthal and Skillman.

Minutes. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Dom. Com. The Rec. Sec. of the Committee on Domestic Missions reported the names of Messrs. Avery, Chaney & Kempshall as new members.

n S.S. & A. The Rec. Sec. of the Com. on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans reported Messrs. Layman & Moseley as new members.

Cor. Sec. F.M. The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Foreign Missions reported a letter written to Rev. John Edwards, Choctaw Nation.

N.Y. Evangelist" On motion of Mr. S. McMullin, the "New York Evangelist" was discontinued.

Edinburg Witness" On motion – the "Edinburgh Witness" was discontinued.

Catalogues. On motion - the Standing Committee were authorized to subscribe for 100 of the Seminary Catalogues.

Excuses. Excuses for absence were then given & accepted.

Advocate for the Board - Mr. Morse -

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Edmonds -

R. McMullin
Rec. See'y.

Oratory, Jan 6th 1854.

Called Meeting -

The Board met, and was opened with prayer by Mr. E. D. Junkin -

Absent - Messrs. Crane, James, Jones, Kelly, Morse, & Sickels -

Papers in R. R. On motion - the Standing Committee were authorised to sell the papers in the Reading Room, on Saturday next, Jan 14th

Read'g Room On motion - the free use of the Reading Room was granted to the clergymen of Princeton -

Loan of Correspondence Mr. S. A. McMullin moved that the Corresponding Secretaries of the Committees on Domestic & Foreign Missions be requested to loan the use of their correspondence to the Rev. James McDonald, Pastor of the 1st Pres. Church - After much discussion, the subject was on motion postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board -

On motion, Board adjourned -

R. McMullin
Rec. Sec -

Oratory, Jan 28th 1854 - 2 o'clk P.M.

The Board met & was opened with prayer by Mr. James -

Absent - Messrs. Blackburn, Crane, Graham, & Pratt -

Minutes. The minutes of the last regular & called meetings, were read and adopted -

Unf. Business. The motion in regard to the loaning of Missionary correspondence, which was laid over from the last meeting, was on motion laid on the table -

Resp. Rec. Sec. Com on F. Missions The Rec. Sec'y of the Committee on Foreign Missions reported Messrs Sahler & Thompson as new members -

do. D. Miss. The Rec. Sec. of the Com. on Dom. Missions, reported Mr. McElroy as a new member -

do B. T. & A. E. The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Relig. Education, reported Messrs. Hopkins & Barkley as new members -

" P. M. & E. Ss The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Pub. Morals, Rom. Church & Infidelity, reported Messrs. Hodge, Pearse & Manning as new members -

" S. S. & A. The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans reported Messrs. Blanvelt & Kerr as new members; & Messrs. S. H. McMullin & W. F. Junkin, as absent from 3 successive meetings of the Committee -

" Cor. Sec. C. F. M. The Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Miss. reported letters written to Rev. Wm. Clements, Corisco - Rev. Mr. Anderson of Madras - Rev. S. Mattoon, Siam - & Rev. J. Edwards, Choctaw Nation

Letters received from Rev. J. K. Wight of Shanghae -

Stg. Com^e The Standing Committee reported that the Papers in the R. Room had been sold for the sum of $6.50

Session tax &c. On motion - the session tax of Mr. Jos. Beggs was remitted -

Com. on minutes. On motion - a Committee was appointed to examine the minutes of the several Committees, in accordance with Art. I. Sect. 4 of the By-Laws - The Chair appointed Messrs. Kelly, James and Cooper -

Excuses - Excuses for absence were given & accepted -

Advocate - Advocate for the Board - Mr. Sickels -

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Hinsdale -

R. McMullin
Rec. See'y -

Oratory, February 25th 1854 - 2 P.M.

The Board met & was opened with prayer by Mr. H. McMullin -

Absent. Absent - Messrs - Crane and Skillman -

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted -

Rep. Rec. Sec. Com. on B. S. & A. Ed. The Rec. See'y of the Committee on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education, reported the election of Mr. A. H. Barkley as Chairman of Com. in place of Mr. Sickels, who had left the Seminary -

Rec. Sec. Com. on Pub. Mor. &c. The Rec. See'y of the Committee on Public Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity, reported Messrs. Frothingham, Gayley & Mills as new members - Also that Mr. Giltner had resigned, & that Messrs. Blackburn & Batchelder had left the Seminary -

Rec. Sec. Com. on S. S. &c. The Rec. See'y of Com. on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans reported that Messrs. Gilmour & Chapin had left the Seminary -

Letter written The Cor. See'y of Com. on Foreign Missions reported a letter written to Rev. George Coan, of the Nestorian Mission, Oroomiah, W. Asia -

Com. on the Minutes - The Com. appointed to examine the minutes of the several Committees reported, & their report was on motion, accepted - and the Com. discharged after they shall have read their report to the Society -

Delinquent Committees - On motion of Mr. Loewenthal, a committee was appointed to prepare an expression of the sense of the Board of Managers, in view of the delinquencies reported by the committee on the Minutes - The Chair appointed Messrs. Loewenthal & Morse -

Elections - On motion - Mr. H. G. Hinsdale was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Standing Committee - and Mr. J. A. Hodge was appointed a member of the Board, in place of Mr. Edmonds, ~~who had left~~ absent from the Seminary -

Excuses for absence were given & accepted -

Advocate - Advocate for the Board - Mr. Jones -

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Pratt -

R McMullin
Rec. Sec'y -

Oratory, March 25th 1854 - 2 P.M.

The Board met, and was opened with prayer by Mr. A. H. Barkley -

Absent. Absent - Messrs. Jones, Loewenthal, and Skillman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

Rep. C. F. M. The Rec. Sec'y of the Com. on Foreign Missions reported that Mr. A. J. Reynolds had left the Seminary -

" C. D. M. The Rec. Sec'y of Com. on Domestic Missions reported Messrs. Armstrong, Giltner, McGilvary & Wilson as new members - and Messrs. Gray, Jewett & Lübkert as absent from 3 meetings of Com^e.

" C. B. T. & R. E. The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Bibles, Tracts & Relig. Education reported that Mr. Marshall had left the Com^e.

Rep. C.S.S.N.A. The Rec. Sec. of Com^e on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans, reported that Mr. J. H. Clark had left the Seminary -

u Cor. Sec C.F.M. The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Foreign Missions reported a letter written to Rev. Lewis Groot, of the Zulu Mission Africa.

u u u C.D.M. The Cor. Sec. of Com. on Domestic Missions reported a letter received from Rev. Mr. Robertson of Wisconsin, which was read.

u Stand^g Com^e. The Standing Com^e reported that they had written for the "True Witness", published at Jackson, Miss.

Delinquent C^es The Committee on Delinquent Committees, appointed at the last meeting, failed to report, & was on motion discharged -

Rep^t of Treas. The Treasurer reported the names of delinquents -

On motion - the Secretary was ordered to procure a lock for the Archives of the Society -

Correspondence On motion - the Cor. Sec. of the Society was instructed to open a correspondence with the Society of Inquiry connected with the University of Lewisburg, Pa.

Excuses for absence were given and accepted -

Advocate for the Board - Mr. Barkley -

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Crane -

R McMullin
Rec. Sec'y

Oratory, April 29th 1854 - 2 P.M.

The Board met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Jones -

Absent. Absent - Messrs - Barkley, Barnes, Crane, James, and Loewenthal -

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted -

Rep. Rec. Sec. Com. F. Miss } The Recording Sec'y of the Com^e on Foreign Missions, reported that at their last meeting, the following officers were elected - Pres. Mr. E. R. Bower - Rec. Sec'y - Mr. A. L. Armstrong - Corresp^g Sec'y - Mr. C. H. Malcom - 1st assist^t Cor. Sec. Mr. S. T. Thompson 2nd assist^t Mr. A. S. Stewart - Annual Reporter, Mr. E. N. Crane - Annual Essayist, Mr. C. H. Malcom

u Rec. Sec. Com. D. M. } The Rec. Sec. of the Com^e on Domestic Missions reported as follows :- Pres^t Mr. C. H. Malcom - Rec. Sec'y -, Mr. J. M. Mc Elroy - Corresponding Sec., Joseph Beggs -

u Rec. Sec. Com. B. T. &c } The Rec. Sec. of the Com^e on Bibles, Tracts & Relig. Educ^n reported :- Pres^t Mr. E. F. Mundy - Sec'y Mr. H. M. Giltner - Annual Reporter, Mr. T. M. Hopkins -

u Rec. Sec. Com. P. M. R. C. &c } The Rec. Sec. of the Com^e on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity reported ;- Pres. Mr L. Westcott Sec'y - Mr. J. H. Nixon - New members elected, Messrs. Blauvelt and Jennison -

u Rec. Sec. Com. S. S. & a. } The Rec. Sec. of the Com^e on Soldiers, Sailors and Africans reported :- Pres. Mr A. H. Mathes - Vice Pres. Mr. R. B. Williamson - Rec. Sec'y - Mr. W. S. Blauvelt - Cor. Sec. Mr. Jos. F. Jennison - Annual Reporters - Messrs - Marshall, Blauvelt & Jennison - Annual Essayist Mr. A. H. Mathes -

u Cor. Sec. Soc. The Cor. Sec. of the Society reported letters written to the Society of Inquiry of the University at Lewisburg Pa., and to the Theological Seminary at East Windsor, Conn. - Letter received from Rev. Mr. Wilson of Illinois -

u u C. F. M. The Cor. Sec. of the Com^e on Foreign Missions reported a letter written to Rev. P. J. Gulick, Oahu, Sandwich Islands -

"True Witness" The Standing Committee reported that the "True Witness and South-western Presbyterian" had been received -

"Kitto's Journal" On motion - the subscription to "Kitto's Journal of Sacred Literature" was renewed -

"Primitive Baptist" On motion - the subscription to the "Primitive Baptist" was continued indefinitely -

The Standing Committee were on motion instructed to make arrangements for the coming Anniversary -

Anniversary. On motion - the time of holding the Anniversary of the Society was fixed on Thursday Evening, May 4th at 7½ o'clock P.M.

On motion the Hastings Society were invited to conduct the singing on that occasion -

Report of the Stand^g Com^e The Standing Committee presented their Annual Report; - as follows -

"The Standing Committee

"for the Session 1853-4 report -

Expenditures	$165.74
Publications now received by Society	62
Publications first received during Session	2
Publications discontinued	3
Volumes of periodicals placed in the Seminary Library	32

"They would congratulate the Society on the abolition of smoking in the Reading Room - and on the prosperous condition of its finances."

Respectfully submitted
S. H. McMullin
Chairman -

On motion - the Report was accepted -

Report of Treasurer. The Treasurer presented his annual report - as follows: -

"The Treasurer would beg leave to submit the following report of funds received & disbursed, during the academic year 1853-4-

Initiation fees	34	$59.50
Term fees	35	52.50
Reading Room fees	3	6.00
Papers &c		19.39
Standing Com^{e}		50.12
Former Treasurer		7.09
		194.60
Paid out to 30 orders of Standing Com^{e}		165.74
Remaining in Treasury		$28.86

Respectfully submitted
C. H. Skillman
Treasurer.

On motion - report was accepted -
The Keeper of the Cabinet failed to report -
Excuses for absence were given and accepted -
Advocate for the Board - Mr. Morse
Adjourned with prayer by Mr. J. A. Hodge -

R McMullin.
Recording Secretary -

Theo. Sem. Princeton, Sept. 30th '54.

The members of the Board assembled, & after prayer by Mr. Skillman, proceeded to the transaction of business.

The Sec. called the roll, & read the minutes of the last meeting, which were on motion accepted.

Com. For. Mis. The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Foreign Missions reported that Messrs. Skillman, Brewster, Gayley, Mills, and DeVeuve, had become members of that Com.

Com. Pub. Mor. Rom. Ch. & Infid. The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Pub. Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity, reported the resignation of Mr. Blauvelt, and the election of Messrs. House and Ferrier as new members.

Com. S.S. & A. The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Soldiers, Sailors, and Africans reported the addition of Mr. T. S. Ogden to that Com.

Cor. Sec. Soc. The Cor. Sec. of Soc. reported no letters received. Letters written to Theol. Ins. at Newton Mass. to Brown Univ. R. I., to Univ. at Lewisburg Pa., to the Epis. Theol. Sem. Alexandria Va. and to Mt. St. Mary's College Md.

Cor. Sec. Com. on For. Mis. Cor. Sec. Com. on F. Missions reported the receipt of a letter from the Rev. J. L. Nevius, Ningpo, China.

Standing Com. The Standing Com. reported that the time for which the Soc. subscribed for the N. Y. Daily Times will expire on the 5th of Oct. next. Also—that the stove belonging to the Reading Room is badly out of repair.

Also — that they desire instruction as to requiting the servant who took care of the Reading Room during the recent vacation.

The following resolutions were then brought before the Board —

N.Y. Tribune — By Mr. Killman — That the Standing Com. be authorized to procure for the Reading Room the N. Y. Daily Tribune in place of the N. Y. Daily Times, on and after the 6th day of October next.

Carried.

Servants wages — By Mr. Armstrong — That the sum of $3. be paid to the servant who attended to the Reading Room during the last vacation.

Mr. Begg moved to amend by substituting $2 for $3. — Lost.

Mr. Armstrong's resolution was then passed.

Stove for Reading Room — By Mr. Nixon — That the Standing Com. be invested with full discretionary power in the matter of furnishing the Reading Room with a stove.

Carried

N.B. Review — By Mr. Kempshall — That the Standing Com. be instructed to subscribe, in behalf of the Soc., for the New Brunswick Review

Carried.

Cumberland Pres. — By Mr. Killman — That the Standing Com. be empowered to accept the offer of the editor of the Cumberland Presbyterian to furnish his paper without charge for the use of our Reading Room.

Carried.

Locks for the Cabinet — By Mr. Sibbald, Keeper of the Cabinet — That he be authorized at the Society's expense, to provide suitable fastening for the Cases of minerals, shells, and curiosities under his care.

Withdrawn.

Ditto — By Mr. Killman — That the Standing Com. be instructed to purchase proper locks and Keys for the

newspaper-files; and likewise for the purpose indicated in the resolution just withdrawn.

Carried.

Sale of newspapers

By Mr. Kempshall - that the secular papers in the Reading Room, not given to the Marine Bible Society, be sold at auction in the Reading Room on Saturday Oct. 7th at 2 o'clock P.M.

This motion was pronounced out of order, ~~as its design can only be accomplished by the reconsideration~~ as it appeared by reference to the minutes of the meeting of the Soc. of Inq. held May 1st 1854, that none of the secular newspapers taken by the Soc. were excepted in the grant made at that time to the missionary of the Marine Bible Soc.

Resolu. of Soc. May 1st '54

By Mr. Hodge - That the vote of the Soc. of Inq. at its regular meeting May 1st 1854, granting to a seamen's missionary sundry newspapers from our Reading Room - inasmuch as it was taken without previous action on the part of the Board of Managers, whose province it is (see By-laws, Art. 1, Sec. 2) to decide upon all the miscellaneous business of the Soc. - be, and is hereby declared by this Board, informal and without authority.

Lost.

Monthly Essays

By Mr. Hodge - that the Sec. be instructed to notify, four weeks before each Monthly Concert, the person whose duty it is to prepare an essay for that occasion; also

to give timely information to the Conductors of the several Monthly Concerts, of the names of the Essayists appointed by the Soc. of Ing.

Carried.

Rev. Mr. Wight By Mr. Malcom — That a Com. of three members of this Board be appointed to invite the Rev. J. K. Wight of China to be present at the Society's meeting on Monday afternoon next, and to deliver an address at that time.

Carried.

Messrs. Malcom, Kempshall & Lübkert were appointed such Committee.

Advocate of the Board — Mr. Nixon

Absent from the meeting — Messrs. Bower, Mundy, & Pratt. out of town

The closing prayer was offered by Mr. McElroy, after which the meeting adjourned.

Horace G. Hinsdale
Recording Sec'y.

List of Members at the Commencement of the Session 1854–55.

Armstrong	Beggs	Blauvelt
Bower	Gillner	Hodge
Kempshall	Lübkert	McElroy
Malcom	Mather	Mills
Mundy	Nixon	Pratt
	Skillman	

Westcott — Pres't.
Hinsdale — Sec'y.

Princeton Theo. Sem.
Thursday evg. Oct. 19th '54

Special meeting —

The usual opening prayer was offered by Mr. Blauvelt, after which the roll was called.

Mr. Hodge then offered the following Resolution — That the Sec. of the Society of Inquiry be instructed to invite the Rev. Mr. Warren of Allahabad, India, — at present revisiting this Country — to address the members of the Society at his earliest Convenience.

Rev. Mr. Warren

Carried —

Mr. Blauvelt moved that the Standing Com. be instructed to take the N. Y. Daily Times, ~~xxxx~~ for the Reading Room.

N. Y. Daily Times

Mr. Hodge moved to postpone the consideration of this question until the next regular meeting of the Board. Lost. —

Mr. Blauvelt's motion was then passed

Prayer was made by Mr. Kempshall, and the meeting adjourned.

Absentees — Messrs. Beggs, Bower, Gittner, Lübkert, Malcom, Nixon, Skillman.

Horace G. Hinsdale
Rec. Sec.

Princeton Theo Sem
Saturday Octo 28th 1854

The Board met & was opened with prayer by Mr Armstrong. The Roll called and minutes of last regular & Special Meetings read and accepted, after a motion of Mr Skillman's to strike out all 7 resolutions which were lost, had been put & lost.

The Rec. Sec. of the Com. on For. Miss. reported the addition of Mess. Couch Boyd McIlhenny Chandler Kennard Avery & D. Hall. This report gave rise to a decision by the President that graduate members of the Seminary resident in the Institution could not be considered Regular Members of the Socy and of the committees. Mr Pratt appealed from this decision but the chair was sustained.

The Rec. Sec of the Com. on Domestic Miss reported no meetg had been held since last regular Meetg of the Board.

The Rec Sec of the Com. on Bibles Tracts & Rel. Educatn. reported the election of Mess Cameron Batchelder Gamble Reynolds Woodworth Tietsworth & Caffrey as members of that Com.

The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Pub. Mor. Rom. Ch. & Inf. reported no meetg since last meetg of the Board.

The Rec Sec. of the Com on Sailors Soldiers & Africans reported 1 addition of Mess Fraser Morcock Reynolds & Tietsworth to that Com.

The Cor. Sec. of the Society reported letters recd from the Washington Square Society of Friends & from the Rev J. McCaffrey Prest of Mt St Mary's College Maryland. and 17 letters written as follows 1 To 1 Society of Friends Meeting at Washington Square Phila
2 To Rev. J. K. Wight Kingston N. J.
3 To Rev Jos. Warren Albany N Y.
4 Young Men's Xtn Association N Y. city
5 Moravian Clergyman at Bethlehem Penn.
6 Enoch Lewis Editor of Friends Review. Phila
7 Society of Inquiry Union Theol. Semy N Y. city
8 Georgetown Baptist Theol. Semy. Kentucky

9 To Danville Theolog. Seminary Ky.
10 " Socy of Inq. St. Timothys Hall Baltimore Co. Md Episco-
11 " Rabbi Raphall Synagogue - N. Y. City
12 " Socy of Inq. Theol. Sem. at Geneva Switzerland
13 " Socy of Inq. at Divinity Hall Edenburg (Univ.) Scotland
14 " Methodist Socy of Inqy of Wesleyan University Middletown Conn
15 " " " " " " Ohio Wesleyan University
16 " Baptist Socy of Inq. of Rochester Theol. Semy. N.Y.
17 " Socy of Inqy Andover Theolog. Semy Mass

Cor. Sec of Com on Foreign Miss Reported a letter sent to Rev John Edwards Wheelock Choctaw Nation & one received from Rev S.S. Gulick Oahu Hawaiian Isles

Cor Secy of Com on Domestic Miss reported no letters recd & letters written to

1 Rev A.M. Robertson Michigan Wisconsin
2 Rev I.T. Mumford Iowa 5 Rev I.F. Cowen Mo
3 Rev I.A. Clayton Michigan 6 Rev S. Hodge Do
4 Rev I.A. Brower Ohio

The Standing Committee Reported Progress in the matter of the Store.

The following motions were then considered by the Board
By Mr Beggs - that the Reply of Rev I.W. Caffrey D.D. Pres of Mt St Marys College be read by the Cor Secy
amended by Mr Nexsen - that a Synopsis of the letter of Cor. Secy be first read to the Board. The motion as amended was carried -

While the Cor. Secy was absent to procure the papers Moved by Mr Stemphale that the Standing Committee be authorized as they see fit, to loan papers & pamphlets from the Read Room to members of the Society - with special reference to the Preparation of Reports. Carried

The Cor. Secy then read a Synopsis of the letter to Mt St Marys & the reply when, Moved by

Mr Hodge that the Board express entire satisfaction with this correspondence & its results.

Mr Hodge then offered the following Amendment to the Constitution to be considered as specified therein

"that no correspondence shall be opened with a Society or Institution until it be proposed to the Board of Managers."

Moved by Mr Mills that through the next month the Corr Secy be directed to commence no Correspondence with Societies or Institutes disconnected with or opposed to the Protestant Church & Faith. Lost.

By Mr McElroy that the Free Presbyterian Yellow Springs Ohio be subscribed for, for the Reading Room.

amended by Mr Skillman - that its editor be requested to furnish the same for Reading Room & as amended Carried.

By Mr Skillman - to Subscribe for the Missionary Annals of the Roman Catholic Church. Cd

By Mr Malcom that the Cor Secy be directed to unite to Mr Pease to deliver a Lecture on City Missions. Cd

By Mr Nixon a reconsideration of the Vote of the Board rejecting the motion of Mr Hodge offered at the Last Meeting in respect to the donation of the papers to the Seamens Missy. A reconsideration was ordered and the motion of Mr Hodge came up "that the Vote of the Socy at its meeting May 1st 1854 granting to a Seamens Missy Sunday papers for the Reading Room be & hereby is declared informal & without authority, inasmuch as it was taken without previous action on the part of the Board of Managers whose province it is to decide upon all the Miscellaneous business of the Society." Carried

Mr Kempshall called attention to the terms upon which the Missy Annals of the Catholic Church were ordered and it was declared to be the sense of the Board upon Mr Skillmans resolution that they were to be obtained by us as Subscribers to the Annals & not to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Moved by Mr Hodge that the Secular Papers in Reading Room be sold by Auction Cd

that the Religious papers excepting the Freeman's Journal Primitive Baptist & Presbyterian be given to the Seaman's Missy Cd

The excuses of absentees was then recd Excused

Mess Begg Giltner Lubkert Malcom & Skillman from Special meeting & Mess Mundy & Pratt from Regular meeting

Adjourned with Prayer by Mr McElroy

Absent Bower & Hinsdale.

Advocates for the Board Mr Skillman J. H. Nixon

Secy Pro Tem.

Nov. 14th, 1854 —
Tuesday evening —

Called meeting —

After prayer by Mr. Mathes, the roll was called, and the following gentlemen found to be absent — Messrs. Bower, Hodge, Kempshall, McElroy, Mills, Nixon, Pratt.

The Cor. Sec. informed the Board that the Rev. Mr. Pease of New York had accepted its invitation to address the Soc. of Inq. on "City Missions"

The Cor. Sec. then offered the following Resolutions — That this address be delivered in the First Presbyterian Church, if it can be obtained for the purpose — Carried.

That a Committee of three be appointed to wait upon Mr. Pease on his arrival, and make all needful arrangements as to the time of his lecture etc. — Carried.

Malcom, Kempshall + Hinsdale were appointed.

On motion of Mr. Skillman, the expenses of Mr. Pease were ordered to be defrayed from the funds of the Society.

After prayer by Mr. Lübkert, the Board adjourned.

Horace Graham Hinsdale
Rec. Sec.

Princeton — Theo. Sem. Nov. 24th, '54 —

Regular meeting —

Prayer by Mr. Kumpshall —

Roll called. — Minutes of last regular and special meeting read and accepted.

The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Dom. Mis. reported the following names of new members of that Com. — Messrs. Scott, Lewis, Dodder, Harlow, Cameron, D. Hall, Simmins, Southtest, Frazer, Mc Lean

The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Pub. Mor. Rom. Cth. and Infidelity reported the election of Mr. J. S. Gordon as a new member.

The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Soldiers, Sailors & Africans reported the addition to that Com. of Messrs. Harlow, Mc Millan, Mc Lean, Mitchell.

The Cor. Sec. of the Soc reported

Letters received 57
" written 114

Letters received

From Rabbi M. J. Raphall D.D. — N.Y. City
" Epis. Theo. Sem. — Fairfax Co. Va.
" Rev. L. M. Peale — N.Y. City
" Enoch Lewis — Ed. of Friends Review — Phila.
" Rev. Jno. C. Jacobson — Bethlehem, Pa.

Letters written

To Students Miss. Soc. — Divinity Hall, Glasgow Univ. Scotland
" Rev. L. M. Peale — N.Y. City
" Soc. of Inq. Union Theo. Sem. Prince Edward Co. Va.
" Miss. Soc. — Illinois Wesleyan Univ. — Bloomington Ill.

To Lawrence Univ. — of Meth. Ch. — Appleton Wis.
" Western Theo. Sem — Allegheny City, Pa.
" Rev. Geo. Bush A. M. - Ed. of Swedenborgian Review
N. Y. City
" Students Miss. Soc. Royal College - Belfast, Ireland
" Students Religion Soc. Highbury College — England
" Theo. Sem. of Baptist Ch. - Madison Univ. Hamilton, N. Y.
" The Shaker Community — Niskayuna, N. Y.
" Brigham Young, Gov. of Utah Mormon City - Upper California
" The Kalamazoo Baptist Theo. Sem. - Michigan
" Theo. Sem. of Presb. Church, Columbia S. C.
This report was received

The Cor. Sec. com. on For. Mis. reported
Letter received 1
" sent 2
Letter received —
From the Rev. L. Janvier - Lodiana, India
Letter written —
To the Rev. Geo. C. Barnes - Allahabad, India
" the Rev. Jno. L. Nevius, Ningpo, China

The Standing Committee reported letter written as to the Roman Catholic Missionary Annals, the Free Presbyterian, and the Cumberland Presbyterian.
Also - that the term of subscription to the Washington National Intelligencer expired in October

The following resolutions were presented —
By Mr. Sickles — That the Standing Com. be instructed to subscribe for the Five Points Monthly Record — Carried.
By Mr. Nixon — That our subscription for the National Intelligencer be renewed. Ord.

By Mr. Malcom – That the Standing Com. be authorized to subscribe for the Baptist Memorial. Lost.

The amendment to Art. 7 of the Constitution, proposed at the last regular meeting was then taken up and passed

Messrs. Bower and Hinsdale were excused for absence from the last regular meeting of the Board.

On motion all the absentees from the Called meeting of Nov. 11th were excused.

Absent from the present meeting – Beggs, Blauvelt, McElroy, Mathes, Hillman.

Advocate of the Board – Mr. Malcom

Prayer by Mr. Mills –

The meeting then adjourned –

Norman G. Hinsdale
Rec. Sec.

Princeton Theo. Sem. Dec. 30th '54.

Regular meeting.

Prayer was made by Mr. Pratt. Mr. C. H. Skillman was requested to act as Secretary. The roll was called, and the following members found to be absent — Messrs. Armstrong, Beggs, Blauvelt, Bower, Hinsdale, Hodge, Kempshall, Malcom, Mills, Mundy, and Nixon.

There being no quorum, the Board adjourned.

C. H. Skillman — Sec. pro tem.

Princeton Jan. 8th, 1855.

Called meeting —

The exercises were opened as usual with prayer.

The Rec. Sec. Com. For. Mis. reported the election of Mr. Woodworth as a member of that Com. — also that Mr. Thompson having left the Seminary, his name had been stricken from the roll of the Com.

The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Bib. Tracts, & Religious Education reported as new members Messrs. J. T. Mitchell and McMillen.

The Cor. Sec. Soc. reported a letter written to Mr. Pease of the Five Points House of Industry, N. Y. City.

Also 12 letters received, as follows —

From Soc. of Inq. Union Theo. Sem. N. Y. City.
" Adelphic Soc. of Georgetown College, Ky.
" Geo. Bush, Ed. New Church Repository, N. Y. City.
" Prof. Geo. Bush, Ed. &c. N. Y. City.
" Soc. of Inq. Western Theo. Sem. Allegheny City, Pa.

From Rev. C. C. Baldwin, Fuh Chau, China.
" Soc. of Inq. Kalamazo Theo. Sem. Michigan
" Soc. of Inq. Madison Univ. Hamilton, N.Y.
" Issachar Bates and Richard Dean, Chief
" Elders in the Shaker Community, Watervliet, N.Y.
" Rev. Jos. Warren, returned missionary from India.
" Soc. of Inq. Brown Univ. Providence R.I.
" Soc. of Inq. Columbia Theo. Sem., Columbia S.C.

The Cor. Sec. also, in accordance with the amendment lately made to the Constitution, reported the following as the list of letters to be written during the coming month:—
To the Young Men's Christian Association, Providence R.I.
" " " " " " Boston Mass.
" " Students Miss. Soc. Theo. School, Montauban, France.
" " Soc. of Inq. Theo. Sem., Fairfax, Vt.
" " " " Mercer Theo. Sem., Penfield Ga.
" " " " Furman " " Greenville, S.C.
" " " " Ref. Dutch Theo. Sem. New Brunswick N.J.
" " Spiritualists, meeting at Phenix Hall, Philada.
" " Students Miss. Association, Miss. Institute Basle, Switzerland.
" " Soc. of Inq. Fairmount Theo. Sem. Cincinnati O.

Mr. Mills moved to amend the report by striking out so much as relates to the Spiritualists meeting in Philada. ~~xxxx~~ Carried.
The report as amended was then adopted.

The Cor. Sec. Com. on Dom. Mis. reported a letter written to
The Rev. Joshua Phelps, Dubuque Iowa.

Miscellaneous business being in order, the

minutes of the last two meetings, the reading of which had been inadvertently passed over in the Commencement of the meeting, were heard and adopted.

It was on motion resolved to purchase 100 Copies of the Annual Catalogue of the Sem., to be sent under the direction of the Cor. Sec. and the Standing Com., to the various institutions and missionary stations with which this Soc. is in Correspondence.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned, after prayer.

Horace Graham Hinsdale
Rec. Sec.

Absent – Messrs. Lübkert, McElroy, Mundy, Pratt.

Absentees excused – Messrs, Armstrong, Beggs, Blauvelt, Bower, Hinsdale, Hodge, Kempshall, Malcom, Nixon

H. G. Hinsdale – Sec.

Princeton, Jan. 27th 1855.

Regular Meeting —

After prayer by Mr. Gilmer, the roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and accepted

The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Dom. Mis. reported the election of Messrs. McMillen and Powell as members of that Com, which has now the full number of members allowed by the laws of the Soc.

The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Pub. Mor., Rom. Cth. and Infidelity reported as new members Messrs. Malcom, Taylor, De Veuve and Symmes.

The Cor. Sec. Soc. reported 4 letters received, as follows —

From Union Theo. Sem. - Prince Edward, Va.
" Univ. at Lewisburg, Pa.
" Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.
" Young Men's Christian Association, Boston, Mass.

Also 10 letters written, as follows —

To Rabbi M. J. Raphaell, N. Y. City —
(A letter of thanks for resolution of the Soc. of Inq.)
" Young Men's Christian Association, Providence R. I.
" " " " Boston, Mass.
" Soc. of Inq. - Baptist Theo. Sem. - Fairfax, Va.
" Missionary Soc. Theo. Sem. - Penfield Ga.
" " " Furman Theo. Sem. - Greenville S. C.
" Soc. of Inq. - Theo. Sem. - New Brunswick, N. J.
" Missionary Soc. - Theo. Sem. - Montauban, France
" " " Missionary Institute - Basle Switzerland

To the Sec. of Mgr. - Fairmount Theo. Sem.
Cincinnati, Ohio —
The following is the list of letters proposed to be written during the coming month —
To the Theological department of Howard College
Marion, Alabama —
" " Sec. of Mgr. of Waterville College, Maine
" " " " " " Columbian College, Washington D. C.
" " " " " " Associate Reformed Theo. Sem.
Cannonsburgh, Pa.
" " " " " " Divinity Hall - Fairly
Scotland
" " Students' Miss. Soc. Missionary Institute
Paris - France
" " Sec. of Mgr. - Richmond College - Va.
" " " " " Denison Univ. Granville, O.
" " " " " Shurtleff College - Upper Alton
Illinois
" " " " " Wake Forest College - N. Carolina
" " Moravian Mission - Lichtenfels, Greenland
" " Young Men's Christian Association - Philada.
" " Students' Miss. Soc. Rector College -
Pruntytown - Va.
" " " Religious Soc. - Oregon College
Oregon City - Oregon
" " " Miss. Assoc. - Union Univ.
Murfreesboro' Tenn. —

Mr. Pratt moved to amend this report by striking out the names of Societies connected with Colleges. - Lost -
The Report was adopted

The Cor. Sec. Com. on For. Miss. reported as follows —
No letters written
Three letters received —
From Hon. Walter Lowrie — N. Y. City
" Rev. Lewis Grout — Umsunduzi — Africa
" Rev. Jno. Edwards — Wheelock — Creek Nation —

Miscellaneous Business being in order, Mr. Mills offered the following resolutions —
Resolved — That in the opinion of the Board of Managers, the Soc. of Mg. cannot consistently correspond with associations and institutions which they cannot recognize as Christian and Protestant —
Resolved —. That inquiries to be instituted in reference to the Romish Church, Jews, Mormons &c., belong properly, according to Art. XII. of the Constitution, to the Committees of the Soc.
These resolutions were on motion laid on the table —
Mr. Blauvelt was appointed Advocate of the Board —

Absent — Beggs, Bower, Lübkert, Malcom, Nixon
Excused for absence — McElroy, Mundy, Pratt.

After prayer by Mr. Mundy the Board adjourned.

Horace Graham Hinsdale —
Rec. Sec. —

Theo. Sem. Princeton, Feb. 24th '55.

Regular Meeting —

After prayer by Mr. Nixon, the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Rec. Sec. com. on Pub. Mor. Rom. Cath. and Infidelity reported as new member, Mr. Powell; - also that Messrs. Symmes, Thompson and Jewett, members of this com. have left the Seminary.

The Cor. Sec. Soc. presented the following report, which was on motion adopted. -

Letters written — To

Theological Dept. of Howard College, Marion, Ala.
Soc. of Inq. - Waterville College — Maine
" " " - Columbian College - Washington D. C.
" " " - Associate Theo. Sem. - Cannonsburg - Pa.
" " " - Richmond College — Va.
" " " - Denison University - Granville O.
" " " - Shurtleff College - Upper Alton - Ill.
" " " - Wake Forest College — N. C.
Young Men's Christian Association - Philada.
Students' Miss. Society - Rector College - Huntstown Va.
Students' Religious Soc. - Oregon College - Oregon City - Oregon.
Students' Miss. Ass. - Union University - Murfreesboro', Tenn.

Letters received — From

Miss. Soc. - Theo. Sem. - Fairfax Co. —
Western Theo. Sem. - Allegheny City, Pa.
Wake Forest College — N. C.
Mercer Univ. - Penfield Ga.
Young Men's Christian Association, Philada.
Society of Missions - Theo. Sem - Geneva, Switzerland.

Theo. Sem. - Danville, Ky. —
University of New York — N.Y. City
University Miss. Ass. - Glasgow Univ. - Scotland.

Letters to be written — To
Students' Miss. Soc. - Franklin College - Franklin - Ind.
" " " - Baylor Univ. - Independence - Texas
Soc. of Inq. - Lane Theo. Sem - Walnut Hills - Cincinnati, O.
Miss. Soc. - Mississippi College - Clinton - Miss.
" " - Ewin College - Sumner Co. - Tenn.
" " - William Jewell College - Liberty, Mo.
Students' Miss. Ass. - Central Univ. - Pella - Iowa.

The Standing Committee reported the expiration of the term of subscription to sundry newspapers and reviews in the Reading Room.

On motion, these subscriptions were ordered to be renewed.

On motion, the Standing Com. were authorized to procure for the use of the Soc. the "Presbyterial Critic".

The Com. appointed to revise the By-laws offered the following amendments, which lie on the table 4 weeks.
Art. IX. Sec. 3. - To read: "The President shall decide all points of order. All decisions of the Chair shall be subject to an appeal to the Society (or to the Board), and such appeal shall be decided by a majority vote."
Sec. 8. - To read - "When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received unless to amend

to commit, to postpone, to lay on the table, for the previous question, or to adjourn, which last motion shall be always in order."
Sec. 11. - To be stricken out, and the following substituted - "When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof on the same day; and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions, except a motion to adjourn".
The following to be inserted as Sec. 12, and the section at present numbered 12, to be numbered 13, and each of the following sections under this Article to be numbered one in advance -
"When a question has been postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the official year of the Soc".

The Treasurer reported the names of members who have failed to pay their session-dues - viz., Messrs. Kehoe, Statham, Chandler.
The by-law in reference to such cases read, thus -
"The names of members who have not paid all their dues before the 5th regular meeting of each session, shall be then reported to the Board, and stricken from the roll".

Mr. Malcom moved "that a Com. of two be appointed by the Chair, to have bound the letters of the Soc. of Engs. & of the Com. in For. Mis., now in the hands of the Cor. Sec. of the Soc., & of the Com."
Carried.
The Chair appointed Messrs. Malcom and Nixon.

Excused for absence – Beggs, Bower, Malcom, Nixon.

Mr. Bower was appointed advocate of the Board.

Absent – Blauvelt, Giltner, Hodge, Lübkert, Mather, Mills, Pratt.

After prayer, the Board adjourned.

Horace Graham Hinsdale
Rec. Sec.

Theo. Sem, Princeton Mar. 31st '55.

Regular meeting -

Prayer was made by Mr. Gilmer - The roll was called - The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Cor. Sec. Sec. presented the following report:-

Letters written - seven -

To Sec. of Mag. Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.
" Baylor Univ. - Independence, Texas -
" Sec. of Mag, Lane Theo. Sem., Cincinnati, O.
" Mississippi College, Clinton Miss.
" Emory College, Sumner Co. Tenn.
" Wm Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.
" Central Univ., Pella, Iowa.

Letters received - nine -

From Howard College, Marion, Ala.
" Lane Theo. Sem, O.
" Sec. of Mag. Andover Theo. Sem. Mass.
" Shurtleff College, Upper Alton, Ill.
" Sec. of Mag. Associate Theo. Hall, Carmichael, Penna.
" Theo. Sec. of Richmond College, Va. -
" Miss. Assoc., Divinity Hall, Univ. of Edinburgh Scotland -
" Young Men's Miss. Assoc. Furman Univ. Greenville, So. Car.
" The Students of the Presbyterian College, Belfast, Ireland.

The Secretary does not propose to write any letter during the coming month

The Cor. Sec. Com. on For. Miss. reported as follows:-

Letters received - none -

Letter written - four -
To Rev. A. Valentine, Wapanucka, Chickasaw Nation.
" Rev. Wm Hamilton, Bellevue, near Council Bluffs.
Poe Indians
" Rev. Robt. L. Longbridge, Tallahassee, Creek Indians
" Rev Alexander Reid, Spencer Academy, Choctaw Nation.

The Standing Com. reported the receipt of the "Presbyterial Critic".

The report of the Com. appointed to revise the By-laws (See minutes of the last meeting for the alterations proposed) was then taken up.
It was on motion resolved to consider the amendments separately.
The amendments were severally rejected.

Excused for absence - Blauvelt, Hodge, Lükert.

Absent - Beggs, Bowen, Kempshall, McElroy, Mather, Mundy, Niles.

Advocate of the Board - Mr. Hillman.

Prayer was made by Mr. Hodge, after which the Board adjourned -
Horace Graham Knickerbocker
Rec. Sec -

Princeton Theo. Sem. Apl. 28th '58.

Regular meeting. In the absence of the President, Mr. Humphstall was elected Chairman pro tem.
Mr. Malcom opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.
The Rec. Sec. of Com. on For. Mis. presented the following Report: —

New member admitted — Mr. Morcock.
Members about to leave the Seminary

Messrs. Bower,	Lorane
Edmonds,	Fraser
D. Hall,	Law
Malcom,	Pratt
Reardon,	Millman
	McElroy

Officers elected, —

Chairman, —	Mr. Armstrong
Rec. Sec.	Brewster
Cor. Sec.	Gayley
1st Asst "	Sahler
2d " "	Wilson
Annual Reporter,	Mills
" Essayist,	Kennard

The Rec. Sec. of the Com. on Dom. Miss. reported as follows. —

Officers elect. —

Chairman,	D. McGilvary
Rec. Sec.	J. S. Simonton
Cor. Sec.	H. A. Harlow
Asst Essayist,	J. W. Lewis
Alternate,	J. Wilson

Annl Reporter, — Jas. M. Chaney
Alternate, J. S. Simonton
Com. on Questions, McGilvary & Lewis

The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Bibles, Tracts, and Religious Education made a report, as follows: —

Officers elect —
President, Mr. M. W. Woodworth
Rec. Sec'y, J. Y. Mitchell
Annl Reporter, Cameron
" Essayist, Caffrey

Report of the Rec. Sec. of Com. on Sailors, Soldiers, and Africans: —

Officers elect —
Chairman, Wm J. Morcock
Vice-chairman, Wm A. Wood
Rec. Sec'y, H. A. Harlow
Cor. Sec'y, J. F. Jennison
Annl Reporters, Ogden, Jennison, & Harlow
" Essayist, W. J. Morcock.

The Cor. Sec. Soc. reported no letters written during the month.
Letters received — four, viz.
From Franklin College, Md.
" Rev. Silas Bailey D.D., Pres. of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.
From Rev. H. V. Rankin, Ningpo, China
" Rev. A. R. Banks, Dallas Co., Arkansas.
Several Catalogues, and one Report from Geneva, have been received.
During the present session, sixty three letters

have been written, and forty seven received
Sixty three Catalogues have been sent to Corresponding bodies, and about twenty received.

The Standing Com. presented their annual report as follows:-

"The Standing Com. at the expiration of their term of service, being from Sept. 1854 to May 1855, beg leave to submit, according to the requisition of the Constitution, the following Annual Report.

They have examined the books of the Recording Secy, and the accounts of the Treasurer, and report them entirely satisfactory as to Correctness and general appearance.

The following is a condensed statement of the manner in which the funds of the Soc. have been expended, as far as they have been drawn upon by the Standing Com.

Reviews and Periodicals.	$44.00
Newspapers & Magazines,	37.94
Catalogues,	3.24
Warming & Care of Reading Room	29.50
Postage	17.14
Carriage of Mail	6.00
Incidental Expenses	10.38
Total	$148.80

The Standing Com. take pleasure in reporting that the general Condition of the Reading Room at the present time is exceedingly encouraging. There are no outstanding debts of any im-

pondence, of which we are aware. Subscriptions for Reviews and Papers are mostly paid to the present, and several in advance of the coming year. There have been added to the list of Reviews the "New Brunswick Review" by subscription, and the "Presbyterial Critic" by contribution of the Editor. The Soc. has also subscribed to the "Baptist Memorial", and to the "Fine Point Record" - magazines.

We still retain all the Religious Papers previously upon file, and have added several by contribution, and have subscribed to the "N.Y. Evangelist". Of secular papers we have now three daily and three weekly.

The Rules in reference to the Reading Room have been generally well observed. The Standing Com. feel compelled, however, to say, that notwithstanding the efforts which have been made to prevent the mutilation of papers, and the removal of periodicals, instances are occasionally occurring in which these things are done, either through thoughtlessness - which we are constrained to believe is the fact - or through ignorance, or wilful disregard of the regulations expressly prohibiting such acts and imposing a penalty for the same. The only way we can suggest to prevent these violations of our rules, is, first, for every member of the Soc. to inform himself what are the regulations made and provided; and second, for each one to consider himself as constituting, for the mutual good of all, a vigilance Committee, to

report to the Standing Com. every instance of such violation which he may observe.
It is only by this feeling of mutual interest and responsibility of individual members, that the Standing Com., who are merely the official servants of the Soc., can expect to carry out the regulations which they are called upon to enforce, however unpleasant it may sometimes be to them personally.
All which is respectfully submitted."

E. Kempshall
J. Alpinwall Hodge
Chas. R. Mills

Report of the Treasurer for the year 1884-5.

Received from Term Fees - 43 at $1.50		$64.50
" " Initiation " - 34 at 1.75		59.50
" " Papers, Reading Room &c.		8.85
" " Former Treasurer		28.86
		$161.71
Paid to order of Standing Com.	148.80	
Amt. in Treasury	$ 12.91	

Chas. H. Hillman
Tr. Soc. of Sup.

Annual Report of the Keeper of the Cabinet.
"Your Keeper of the Cabinet would respectfully report that during his official year some important alterations and additions have been made. The cases have been thoroughly cleaned and dusted and provided with suitable locks and keys. The shells, minerals and other articles have been arranged and classified, and the number

of Curiosities has been considerably increased by donations and exchange.
Of donors, I would report the following:-
On the 2d of Sept. Mr. E. Sibbert of the Theological Seminary presented to the Soc. of Inquiry a very large and valuable collection of shells, gathered in the West Indies,- amounting to nearly 250 different specimens.
Dec. 9th, Mr. M. Teer of Philada., sent through Mr. D. Jewett some rare specimens of foreign shells.
March. 2d, Rev. Mr. Smith, missionary in New Mexico, sent through Mr. Malcom some valuable specimen of peonys.
Apl. 9th, Mr. Avery handed me a map containing Chinese characters &c.
To all these donors I would hereby in the name of the Society at large, express our sincere gratitude

Respectfully submitted by
E. Sibbert
Keeper of the Cabinet.

It was on motion resolved to hold the Annual meeting of the Soc. in the First Presbyterian Church, on Thursday evening, May 3.
On motion, the Standing Com. were appointed a Com. of Arrangements

On motion of Mr. Sibbert, the Hastings Soc. were invited to conduct the musical exercises at the Anniversary Meeting.

Excused for absence - Messrs. Hemphall, and Nixon

Absent - Beggs, Bower, Hodge, Mather, Mundy.
Advocate - Mr. Pratt

Horace G. Hinsdale
Sec'y. —

Theological Seminary Sept. 29th 1853

The Board met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Ferris. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Rec. Sec. of Committee on Foreign Missions reported that Mr. Brewster had left the Seminary & that Mr. Boyd had been elected to the office of Rec. Secretary.

The Rec. Sec. of Committee on Romish Church, Public Morals & Infidelity reported as follows:

Officers Elected:

President - Mr Gayley
Chairman - Mr Ferris
Annual Reports - Taylor, Lewis & Lovell.
New Members - Finis, Lewis & McElhinny.

The Rec. Sec. of Committee on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans reported that no meeting of the Committee had been held during the past month.

The Rec. Sec. of Committee on Domestic Missions reported that Mr. McMillan's name had been dropped from the roll.

The Cor. Sec. of Society Reported:

Letters received 2
Letters written 2

Letter received
from Theo. Seminary Danville Ky.
" Brigham Young Salt Lake City

Letters Written.
To Theological Sem. Andover Mass.
" " " Danville Ky.

The Cor. Sec. of Committee of Domestic Missions reported two letters written and one received.
Letters written.
To Rev. A. J. Bates, Lincoln, Maine.
" " Alexander Fairbairn Huntsville Texas.
Letter received from Rev. A. J. Bates, Lincoln, Maine —
The Standing Committee presented the following report:
They have presented to the Treasurer four orders amounting in all to nine dollars ~~[illegible]~~
They have given directions to Sam. Scudder to supply the Reading Room with a copy of the Daily Times, the subscription having expired, until further action of the Board of Managers. They have sold the Secular papers of the Reading Room, according to rule specified in Art. 5. Section 1st of By Laws — and have received for them the sum of two dollars & thirty six cents.

Committee { R. S. Manning
A. L. Armstrong.

The following resolutions were presented:
By Mr. Armstrong — That the Standing Committee be instructed to subscribe for the Charleston Mercury — withdrawn —
By Mr. Morecock — That the Standing Com. be instructed to subscribe for the Charleston Courier — Carried.
By Mr. Armstrong — That Sam. Scudder be requested to supply the Reading Room with the Daily Times. Carried.
Mr. Stewart was appointed Advocate of the Board.
Roll called — absent — Gayley — Jennison, Manning, Mills, McGilvary.
Edsall Ferrier Rec. Sec. Pro. Tem.

Theological Seminary Oct. 27th 1853.

The Board met and was opened with prayer by Mr Jennison. Roll called - absent Mr Baldwin. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Rec. Sec. of Committee on Foreign Missions reported the following new members:

Messrs. McLaren, Garrett
McGilvary, A. Simonton
Jackson.

The Recording Secretaries of the Committees on "Domestic Missions", "Bibles, Tracts and Religious Education", "Public Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity", reported that they had not yet held their Monthly Meetings.

The Rec. Sec. of Committee on Sailors, Soldiers & Africans reported the following new members:

Messrs. H. C. Alexander, Stewart
Ferrier, Willard
G. Nixon, Johnson.

The Cor. Sec. of Society made the following report:

One letter received - from the Protestant Theological Sem. at Montauban, France.
Letters written - 11.
Do. Theological Seminary at Auburn N. Y.
" Union Theo. Sem. N. Y.
" " " Va.
" Western Theo. Sem.

To Newton Theo. Sem.
" Maine Theo. Sem.
" Theo. Sem. at New Brunswick
" Columbia Theo. Sem. S.C.
" Theo. Sem. at Bangor, Maine
" " " East Windsor. Conn.
" Missionary Association in University of Edinburg.

The Cor. Sec. of Committee on Foreign Missions reported - letters received one - letters written - none. Letter received from Mr Valentine, Missionary among the Indians.

The Cor. Sec. of Committee on Domestic Missions reported three letters written. To Rev. D. G. Law, Osage, Mitchell Co. Iowa - Rev. Thos. H. Benning, Washington Iowa - Rev. I. Woodbridge California.

The Standing Committee reported as follows:

They have presented to the treasurer one order for fifteen (15) dollars. They recommend to the members of the Board that some measures be taken to preserve better order in the Reading Room. Report accepted.

The following resolutions were presented:

By Mr Manning - That the papers in the Reading Room be sold at auction - Motion lost.

By Mr Mc Gilvary - That a communication be addressed to Mr King, making inquiry whether he wished the papers of the Reading Room for distribution - Resolution carried -

Mr Manning was appointed advocate of the Board.

Roll called - absent Mr Calder. Prayer was made by Mr Mills, after which the Board adjourned.

Edsall Ferrier.
Recording Sec'y Fo. Miss.

Theological Seminary Nov. 1st 1853.

Special Meeting —

The opening prayer was offered by Mr Woodworth, after which the President stated the objects for which the meeting was called.

The Standing committee reported that the stove in the Reading Room was unfit for further use and recommended to the Board either to have it refitted, or to purchase a new one.

On Motion of Mr Mills the whole matter was left to the discretion of the Standing Committee.

The following Resolutions were then offered:

By Mr Manning — That the Standing Committee be instructed to subscribe for the Buffalo Christian Advocate — Lost.

By Mr Manning — That the Committee be instructed to subscribe for the St Louis Republican — Lost.

By Mr Jemison — That the Committee be instructed to subscribe for the Alabama Advocate & Journal — Carried.

The Rec. Sec. of Committee on Domestic Missions, made the following Report:

New Members — three — Messrs Young, McDougal & Sickles.

The Rec. Sec. of Committee on Bibles, Tracts & Religious Education reported as follows:

New members, Eleven.

Messrs. R. Alexander	Lorraine
Baker	Edgar
Broadnax	Forbes
Bustis	Hanies
Goodrich	Hodges & Roberts.

Mr Mc Millan asked leave to withdraw from the Com. which was granted.

The time of meeting of the Committee was changed from the Wednesday evening preceding the meeting of the Society of Inquiry, to the 3rd Thursday evening in each Month.

The Rec. Sec. of Committee on Romish Churches, Public Morals and Infidelity, reported the following new members: Messrs Willard, G. Nixon
Broadhead Kehoe.
H. S. Alexander

Mr Mills moved that the Board be now confined in the business of the present meeting to those matters indicated in the call for a special meeting. Motion Carried.

After Some discussion on the Subject of Obituaries, it was moved by Mr Pearse, that a Committee be appointed to investigate the matter, particularly, the mode of appointing Committees to prepare obituaries, and whether or not this duty of late years had been performed. Motion Carried. *
Messrs. Manning, Pearse and Meadows were appointed Such Committee.

On Motion the Board adjourned and was closed with Prayer by Mr Stewart.

Edsall Ferrier
Recording Secty Gen. Sem.

Theological Seminary Nov 24th 1858

The Board of Managers met and the opening prayer was offered by Mr Boyd

At his request Mr Hancock was excused from attending this meeting of the Board.

The Minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting (Nov 1st 58) were read and adopted

The Recor. Sec. of the Comm. of For. Missions - Domestic Missions, and of Public Morals Romish Church, and Infidelity reported that no meetings of these committees had been held.

The Recor. Sec. of Com. on Bibles Tract. and religious Education reported the following new members - Messrs A.C. Alexander, and Park

The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Sol. Soldiers and Africans reported - members received Messrs Hubbard Comstock and Thompson - members resigned Messrs Ferrier and A. C. Alexander

The Corresponding Sec. of Soc. of Seminary reported - Letters received - None

Letters written (6) Six

To the Missionary Soc. of Yale Coll. Conn.
" " " Seminary, Serpent Eng
" " Episcopal Seminary Alexandria
" " Seminary The. Seminary Carlisle Pa
" " Evangelical Lutheran Sem. Gettysburgh Pa
" " The. Sem. Montauban France.

The Cor. Sec. of Com. of Foreign Missions reported - Letters writting to Montezuma Col. South Africa and Egypt -

The Cor. Sec of Com on Dom. Missions reported - Letters written to Rev The. Lewis Thompson Oregon

The Standing Com. Reported paid for Stoves in Reading Room $4. - that the time of sub.

scription of the Tribune had expired. The attention of the Board was called to the mutilation of papers in the Reading Room

The Committee appointed at the last special meeting of the Board to investigate the manner in which the duty of Committees appointed to write obituaries had been attended to &c. reported that Com's thus appointed had seldom reported. The reason assigned for this was the impossibility in many cases of learning anything respecting the deceased

Special Committees —

In behalf of the Standing Com. to whom the subject was referred it was reported that Mr King would gladly receive the papers from the Reading Room for distribution

Miscellaneous Business.

Mr Armstrong moved that the Tribune be continued

Carried —

Mr Stewart moved that the Phil. Evening Bulletin be discontinued as soon as its time expired —

Mr Mills moved that the motion be laid over till next meeting — withdrawn —

Mr Stewart's motion was then carried

Moved by Mr Mitchell — That the Sec subscribe for the Nth. American & Phil. in place of the Eve. Bulletin —

On motion of Mr Jennings the subject was postponed till the next meeting of the Board

Excused for Absence — Sahler —

Mr Mitchell was appointed Advocate for the Board Absentees — Manning & Simonton

The Board adjourned & was closed with prayer by Mr Wilson

H. D. Sahler

Rec Sec.

Theological Seminary Feb. 23rd 1846.

The Board of Managers met per appointment, and the opening prayer made by Rev. Wilson.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mr Harlow was appointed Secy. pro. tem.

The Roll was called & the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Rec. Secy. of the Com. on Foreign Mission reported that they have had no meeting this Month. Report accepted

Rec. Secy. (pro. tem.) of the Com. on Domestic Mission reported the usual monthly meeting, the ordinary business and the election of Messrs Telford & Wm. L. Mitchell as members. Rep. Acc.

Rec. Secy. of the Com. on Bibles, Tracts &c. reported the usual meeting, the ordinary business, & the election of Mr H.C. Alexander as a Annual Essayist member. Report accepted

Rec. Secy. of Com. on Public Morals Rom. Ch. &c. was absent and a member of that Committee reported "no meeting" Report accepted.

Rec. Secy. of Com. on Soldiers Sailors & Africans reported the usual meeting & the transaction of the ordinary busines Report accept.

Correspond. Secy. of Soc. of Inq. was absent.

Cor. Secy. of Com. on Foreign Mission reported "No letters rec. and two written viz.

To Rev. Mr Geddie Aneiteum N. Hebrides
To Rev. Mr Fraser Damascus Syria "

Report accepted.

Cor. Secy. of Com. on Dom. Mission reported "No letters written, and one received from Rev Sylvester Woodbridge Benicia Cal.

A discussion then followed of the difficulty arising from the fact that the time of the regular monthly meetings of the Committees on Foreign Missions, and on Romish Church, frequently occurs at a later date than the Meeting of the Board; and in consequence those Committees were reported as having held no meeting.

Mr Stewart moved "that the Reports of the Recording Sec." be made from the date of the last meeting of the Board of Managers." (Carried.)

Mr Mitchell appealed from the action of the Board.

Mr Mitchell moved "That the reports from the Com.ee on Foreign Missions & Romish Church be heard again. (Carried)

The Rec.g Sec of Com.ee on Foreign Missions then reported their usual meeting, and the transaction of ordinary business.

The Rec.g Sec.y Com.ee on "Rom.h Ch" reported through a private member, "The usual meeting &c."

This report was not accepted because not presented by the Rec.g Sec.y

A report was then called for from the Chairman of that Com.ee

He Reported a meeting at the usual time, and a very interesting debate on the subject of "Romish Baptism"

This report was accepted.

Mr Mitchell moved "that the Phil.a North American be subscribed for as soon as the time of subscription for the Phil.a Evn.g Bulletin Expired". Carried.

Mr Woodworth was appointed Advocate of the Board.

Absent. Messrs Ferrier, McGilvary, Jennison, Sahler, & Simonton.

The Board then adjourned with prayer by

H. A. Harlow

Rec.g Sec.y (pro tem)

Princeton Seminary Mar 29th 1856

The Board of Managers met, and was opened with prayer by Mr Harlow.

Roll was called, and Minutes of the last meeting after being amended were accepted.

Rec. Sec. of Com. on Foreign Missions reported thro the Chairman 2 meetings since the last Meeting of the board, and the departure of Mr Mackey a member of the Committe to his mission feild among the Indians in Nebraska Ter.

Rec. Sec. of Com. Dom Missions failed to report

" " " " Bibles Tracts & Religious Education reported a meeting with the usual business

Rec. Sec. protem of Com. on Public Morals Romish Church and Infidelity, reported the usual meeting. and no debate on the question, the time being occupied in a discussion respecting the annual essay

Rec. Sec. of Com on Soldiers Sailors & Africans reported the usual meeting, and business

The Cor. Sec. of Soc. was absent and faild to report.

The Cor Sec. of Com. on For Miss failed to report.

The Cor Sec of Com on Domes. Miss reported Letters written - none. 2 Received.

Rev Mr Wells Dubuque Iowa

" " Hanbam Texas

Chairman of the Standing Committee reported a bill being presented to him, & his intention not to pay for one of the articles with which the Society was charged stating his reasons - Report was not accepted.

Mr Sahler was excused for absence at last meeting Mess Boyd Ferrier, Gayley Mills McGilvary & Simonton absent from the present meeting of the Board

Mr Armstrong was appointed advocate for the board.
Meeting adjourned with prayer by Mr Manning

C. D. Sahler
Rec Secy

Princeton. April 26th 1856

The Board of Managers met and was opened with Prayer by Mr Ferrier.

The Roll was called and minute of the last meeting were read and accepted

The Recording Secy of Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows two the Chairman

Mr Jackson was elected Secy pro. tem

Mr Boyd the late able and efficient Sec. having since our last meeting fell asleep in Jesus.

Mr Gordon was elected member of the Committee

Under the order of Election

Mr McLaren	was elected	President
" Jackson		Rec Sec
" Garret		Cor Sec
" Frothingham		1 Assistant do
" Westervelt		2d Assistant do
" Frothingham		Annual Reporter
" A Symington		" Essayist

Retiring members

Messrs Armstrong	Avery	Brown
" Gayley	Manning	McGilvary
" Mills	Murcock	Sahler
" Stewart	+ Wilson	

The Rec. Secy of Com on Dom Missions reported

Mr H. A Harlow	was Elected	President
" Jas McDougal		Rec. Secy
" J K Large		Cor Sec

Mr E C Sickles + 3
" W Powell 3 Committee on Questions
" J I Simonton was elected Annual Essayist
" E C Sickles alternate
" Chas H Gunny Annual Reporter
" J K Lange alternate

The Rec Sec of Com on Bibles Tracts and Religious Education reported
Mr J P Mitchell elected President
" Forbes Sec'y
" Baker Annual Essayist
" Haines " Reporter

The Rec Sec of Com. on Public Morals Rem. Ch and Infidelity reported
Mr A G Simonton as Elected a member of the Committee.

The Rec Sec'y of Com. on Soldiers Sailors and Africans reported
Mr Hanlon was elected President
" J G Mitchell Vice do
" Stewart Rec Sec'y
" Thompson Cor. Sec'y
" Cowick Annual Essayist
" Hubbard
Dixon 3 Annual Reporters
J G Mitchell 3

The Cor. Sec'y of Society reported 1 Letter written to Mrim Theo Sem'y N.Y.
1 " " " Newton Theo Seminary
1 Rec'd from Mrim Theo Seminary N.Y.

The Cor Sec. of Com on For Miss reported
no letters received -
Three written - viz - To Rev Geo Bames Lahore India
" Rev Thos L'Amoreaux S. America
" Rev Wm Doherty Ottawa Indians
The Cor Sec of Com on Domestic
Missions reported no letters written or received
The Standing Committee failed to present
a regular report the Chairman being absent
Miscellaneous business
Mr Pease moved that the Hastings Society be
requested to conduct the singing on the Annual
meeting of the Society - Carried
On Motion a committee of three
was appointed to examine the records of
the committees connected with the Society
Committee Messrs. Pease Sommerton Jennings

Society adjourned with prayer by
Bro Jennings

D. McGillivray
Rec Sec.

Princeton Seminary April 29th 1846

Special Meeting

A Special meeting of the Board
of Managers was called to hear reports which
had not been rendered at the Regular meeting
of the Board.

The meeting was opened with prayer
by Mr Manning.

The Rec. Sec. of Com. on Public Mea-
-sures Romish Church and Infidelity reported
Wm McLaren as elected a member

Mr Kehoe as elected President
Mr Broadhead .. Rec. Sec.

The Standing reported that they have reported from time to time to the Board. Twenty orders have been given for money in all amounting to $87.09

The Treasurer reported

Rec'd for Term fees -	30	at $1.50	$45.00
.. "Initiation" ..	29 -	$1.75 -	50.75 -
.. . Papers in Reading Room			2.36
.. .. Last Treasurer			12.91
			$111.02
Paid to 28 orders of Stan. Com.			$87.39
Amount in Treasury			$23.43
~~Paid~~ since ballancing a/c for Two term fees -			$3.00
Amount in Treasury -			26.43

A. S. Stewart Treas.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Society of Enquiry and Board of Managers as well as the accounts of the Treasurer and Standing Committee, report that they have examined with care and find everything correct and neatly transcribed

Our committee however feel it to be a duty to call attention to the repeated failures of some of the committees in their regular meetings as well as in reporting to the Society of Enquiry. This is especially the case with regard to that on Soldiers Exiles and Africans who have this session failed to report four times

To a less extent this is also true of the Com. on Domestic Missions and that on Public Morals.

There has also been an infor-

-mality in the reports to the Board of Managers which should not exist they not being made through the appropriate officers.

The Committee on Foreign Missions is an honorable exception in all these respects It is to be hoped that care will be taken to avoid these failures in future

Committee } J. Livingston
J. L. Pease
J. F. Jennison

Mr Woodworth moved to strike out of the report all relating to the failures of the committees - After some discussion the motion was lost, and report accepted

The Keeper of the Cabinet would respectfully report that it remains in the same condition as when it came into his hands. The Thanks of the Soc. are due to Mr Haines for his arrangement of the Coins in the Cabinet

No expense has attended this department during the Session

Jos F Jennison
Keeper of the Cabinet

After prayer by Mr Stewart the Board Adjourned

D. D. Sahler

Rec. Sec.

Theological Seminary Sept.r 27th 1836

The Board of Managers met at the appointed time, & was opened with prayer by Mr Large, the V.P. in the Chair.

The Roll was called, Absent Messrs Tuthor Hubbard, Garrett, Roberts & Mc Dougal.

The minutes of the last regular meeting & also of the Special meeting of April 29th were read & approved.

The Rec. Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions reported that Messrs Ogden & Forbes had been elected members of the Committee, & Mr Mc Elhinney dismissed at his request; that Mr Garrett & Cor. Secty. having left the Seminary Mr Brewster was elected in his place; & that all the duties assigned were performed"

The Rec. Secretary of the Committee on Dom. Missions reported that "Mr Mc Millen had been elected a member of the committee: & that the report & essay both failed the Essayest being absent & the Reporter not being informed of his appointment".

The Rec. Secretary of the Committee on Bibles Tracts & Religious Education reported that "messrs Hamilton & Ferries had been elected members of the Committee. Monthly report failed"

The Rec. Secy. of the Committee on Pub. Morals Romish Ch. & Infidelity reported that no meeting of the Committee had yet occurred.

The Rec. Sec. of the Committee on Soldiers Sailors & Africans reported that "The Essay & Report both failed. The Essayest being absent & the Reporter Rec. Sec. of the Committee. 4 names had been proposed for membership"

The Cor. Sec. of the Society reported that no letters had been rec.d & none written.

The Cor. Secretary of the com. on Foreign Missions has

left the Seminary. No letters recd. none written.
The Cor. Sec. of the Com. on Domestic Missions reported no letters received. none written —
The Standing Committee reported that 3 orders had been issued amounting to $12. Rec'd for papers in Reading Room $1.50, & had subscribed for the N.Y. Times —
These orders were, 1. in favor of Ben Schenck for 6. dollars
1. Subscription to the New York Times

Mr Mitchell inquired if the N.Y. Times had been voted upon by the Board. — Mr Brodhead inquired as to the necessity of subscribing for the Times for a year — After some discussion the report of the Standing Committee was adopted.
From the Committee on Obituaries there was no report —
No Special committees reported —
Under Miscellany Mr Mitchell moved to suspend the N.Y. Herald & take the Washington Weekly Union.
Mr Taylor offered as an amendment to take the N.Y. Journal of Commerce. — Mr Stewart offered as an amendment to take the Baltimore Sun —
Mr Taylors Amendment was lost — Stewarts — lost.
Mr Baker offered as an amendment to the Orginal motion to substitute the Richmond Inquirer — Lost —
Mr Stewart moved to substitute the Pennsylvanian for 6. months. — Amendment carried — motion as amended carried —
Mr Baker moved that the N.Y. Evangelist be subscribed for — Carried — Mr Stewart made a motion to take the American Presbyterian — Carried — The President stated that a vacancy had occurred in the Standing Committee by the absence of Mr Garrett. — To fill this vacancy Mr Taylor nominated H. C. Alexander — Mr Harlow, nominated F. A. Crane.
Mr Larom suggested that this matter should be referred to the Society of Inquiry — Mr Stewart nominated Mr Brewster —
Mr Crane was elected —

Mr Taylor was appointed Advocate of the Board -
Closed with prayer by Mr McLaren
M. W Woodworth
Rec. Secretary -

Oratory October 25th 1856.

The Board of managers met agreeable to notice. Vice President in the chair. Opened with prayer by Bro. Jackson. The Secretary being absent Mr Mitchell was called to act as Secretary pro tem. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. There being no unfinished business before the ~~house~~ Board, the passed to the reports of committees.

The committee on Foreign Missions reported "No meeting".

The committee on Domestic Missions reported "Committee met as usual on the third Monday evening in the month. Monthly report was read by Mr Young. Essay failed on account of the absence of the essayist from town. Mr Everitt was elected a member of the committee. Number on the roll eleven."

The committee on Bibles Tracts and Religious Education reported, that they met as usual. Monthly report was read by Mr Woodworth. Had a very animated discussion. Bro. ~~Anderson~~ Brodhead was dismissed at his own request. Messers Anderson, Davies, Heydrick, Hickok, Hinsdale, McCormick Fischer, Merill, Salmon and J. A. Morrison

were elected members of the committee.

The committee on Public Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity reported, Met at the regular time, Messrs A C Alexander R Alexander and Cowhick elected members The regular question was discussed. Monthly report was read by Mr Stewart. Mr Hodge was elected Chairman of the committee until the return of Mr Kehoe the regular Chairman. Mr McElheney at his own request was dismissed from the committee. Number on the roll 17.

The committee on Soldiers Sailors & Africans, reported, that Essay and report both failed. Messrs Post, Gilmore, Anderson, Campbell, Nassau, Manly and De Vote, were elected members.

The Cor. Sec. of the Soc. of Inquiry reported 1 letter recieved from Danville Theo. Sem. and 7 written as follows.

1	to	Danville Theological Seminary	Oct 21
1	"	Alleghany " " "	" 22
1	"	Union " " " Va	" 23
1	"	Lane " " " Ohio	" 24
1	"	Columbia " "	" 24
1	"	Auburn " " N.Y.	
1	"	Union " " N.Y. City.	

The Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Missions reported. No letters written and 1 recieved from Damascus.

The report from Cor. Secretary of Com on Domestic Missions — failed.

The Standing committee of the Society of Inquiry reported 6 orders

given as follows,

For	Daily Pennsylvanian 6 mths	$3.00
"	N Y Evangelist to Oct 5th 1857	$1.50
"	Postage for 3 yrs	$5.85
"	Mail Carrier for 1 Mth	$1.00
"	Ben Schenck for R. Room	$3.00
"	Postage & Envelopes for Sec of Leg.	35

No report from the Committee on Obituaries.

No report from Special Committees.

Under the head of Miscellaneous Business, Mr McLaren, moved, that the Standing committee, be empowered, to Subscribe for the New York Tribune for the remainder of the Session, as Soon as the present Subscription runs out — Carried.

Mr Mitchell moved that we take the Edinburgh Witness — lost.

Mr Stewart was appointed advocate of the Board, after which it adjourned with prayer by Bro. Kehoo.

Jas Y Mitchell
Sec. pro. tem

Oratory Nov. 29th 1856.

Board met agreeable to notice. President in the chair. Opened with prayer by Bro. McDougall

Minutes were read and adopted. There being no unfinished business before the Board it passed at once to the reports of Committees.

The Committee on Foreign Missions

reported Com. met as usual, Messrs Ainslee Anderson Cameron Farnham Hepburn Kennedy Mackey W J Morrison Post Taylor D W C, Settle and Davis elected members. Exercises passed off as usual, essay taking place of Mon. Report

The Committee on Domestic Missions reported. Met as usual. Monthly report and Essay read and accepted. Debate as usual. No new members since last meeting.

* Messrs Smith Hagan and W H Taylor elected members.

The committee on Bibles Tracts and religious education, reported meeting at the usual time;* animated discussion; report read by Mr Crane; roll full containing the names of 30. members.

Committee on Public Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity reported; for Oct. Messrs Davis, Little, Lee, Lowe, W H Taylor elected members report read and accepted. For. Nov. Messrs. Clark, Cunningham, Noerr, Post, Singleton elected members. M. Report read and adopted.

Committee on Soldiers Sailors and Africans reported; meeting at usual time; report read by Mr Nassau. Essayist was absent. Debate passed off with unusual animation.

Cor Sec of Soc. of Inquiry made no report, he being absent.

Cor. Sec of Com. on For. Miss reported no letters received and one written to Mr Pratt at Bogata.

Com. on Dom. Missions report 4 letters written as follows 1 to Rev. Mr Umpstead Keokuk Iowa, 1 to Mr Carson, Oskaloosa Iowa, 1 to Rev. S W Mills Dubuque Iowa. 1 to Rev. E L Dodder Fort Dodge Iowa.

Mr Haines, on behalf of the Comm to write an

obituary on Mr Blauvelt, reported that they would have it ready at the next meeting.

No report from Special Committees.

Standing committee ~~on~~ reported 1 order given to the amount of 1.00 for mail Carrier.

They also reported having received a bill for payment from the Editor of the Pres. Review; this bill they say is Cashed on their books; the Board gave instructions to Mr A G Linnenton to examine the matter and make it all correct.

Mr Broadhead, Suggested that Some Steps be taken to keep order in the Reading room. Mr Stubbard was appointed advocate of the board. Board adjourned with prayer by Bro. Roberts.

Jas J Mitchell

Sec. pro. tem.

Theological Seminary
Princeton New Jersey
Jany 31st 1857

The Board met at the appointed time the President in the Chair - Prayer was offered by Bro. Baker -
Roll was called & Messrs Hubbard McDougal Roberts & J. Simonton were found to be absent -
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
Mr Jackson Rec. Secretary of the Com. on For. Missions reported that the Committee met at the usual place & time & performed its regular business - Messrs Brodhead Haines & Heydrick were received as new members. Whole number of members 27 - Accepted
From the Com. on Dom. Missions there was no report.
Mr Forbes Rec. Sec of Com. on Bibles Tracts & Religious Education reported that the Com. met at the usual time - Exercised as usual. Report read by Mr Edgar - No new members received - Report accepted.
Mr Brodhead Rec Sec of Com. on Pub. Morals Rom Ch & Infidelity reported a meeting held at the regular time - Monthly report read by A.G. Simonton & adopted - Messrs Baker & Jackson were elected members - No on the roll 29. Accepted
Mr Stewart Rec Sec of Com. on Soldiers Sail & Africans - reported a meeting of the Committee - Monthly report failed on account of Sickness of the reporter - No new members elected - Report accepted -
The Cor. Sec of the Society of Inquiry reported through Mr Baker 3 letters received

One from Jefferson College Penna
" " Western Theo. Sem. Penna
" " Auburn Theo Semy. N.Y.

And 2 letters written

One to West. Theo. Semy. Allegheny city Pa
& One to Jefferson College Penna

Report accepted -

Mr Brewster Cor Sec. of Com on For Miss. reported no letters written — One letter received from Thos. McCague Egypt — Report accepted

Mr Large Cor. Sec. of Com. on Dom. Missions reported two letters written

One to H. M. Giltner Nebraska City. N. T.
& one to L. G. Bell Sidney Iowa

4 letters received

1. from Rev. J. T. Umsted Keokuk Iowa
" " " Irwin Carson Oskaloosa Iowa
" " " D. F. McFarland Elmwood Ills —
" " " E. L. Dodder Fort Dodge Iowa —

Report accepted —

Mr A. G. Simonton of the Standing Committee reported that 6 orders had been given amounting to $22.81 —

To Mail Carrier 1 order		$1.00
Postage	"	86
For N. T. Tribune	"	3.00
For Reviews	"	15.00
Postage	"	1.95
Mail Carrier	"	1.00
		$22.81

Report Accepted

Miscellaneous Business — Mr McLoren moved that the President & Secretary be appointed a committee to prepare an amendment to the By Laws in order to give the Committees on Public Morals Rom Ch & Infidelity, & Soldiers Sailors & Africans time to present their annual Essays to the Society of Inquiry, & to report the same at the next meeting of the Board — Carried —

Mr Simonton made a suggestion relative to carpeting the Reading Room, out of the surplus funds of the Society —

Mr Brodhead suggested the propriety of appropriating the surplus funds to procure a Select Missionary Library for the use of the Society —

Mr Harlow moved that the Standing Committee be

instructed to confer with the Faculty or Trustees of the Seminary in reference to heating the Reading Room —
Mr Harlow moved that the Standing Committee with Mr Haines as Chairman, be directed to ascertain the expence of Carpeting the Reading Room & report at next meeting of the Board. — Mr Mitchell moved to amend by adding that if the funds were sufficient, the committee have power to Carpet the Reading Room — Amendment lost —
Original motion Carried —
Mr Stewart moved that the Standing Com. be instructed to subscribe for Putnams Magazine — Carried —
Mr Brodhead moved that a Com. of 3 be appointed by the Chair to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Missionary Library in connection with the Society — Carried —
Messrs Brodhead, Stewart & Haines, Committee
Mr Long gave notice that the St. Louis Presbyterian had ceased coming to the Soc., & moved that the Standing Committee be directed to subscribe for it — Carried —
Mr Baker moved that the Standing Com. be directed to subscribe for the Chicago Congregationalist — Lost —
Mr McLaren recommended the United Pres. of the West published at Monmouth Ill. to the attention of the Board —
Mr Mitchell moved Standy Com. subscribe for it —
Mr Stewart would substitute the Preacher published at Pittsburgh — Mr Mitchells motion carried —
Mr Gordon moved to reconsider Mr Bakers motion to take the Chicago Congregationalist — motion to reconsider lost —
Mr Gordon moved that the Standing Com. be directed to procure the 5 Foreign Magazines & the North American Review from Mr McGinnis for 15 dollars pr year —
Motion Carried —
Mr Baker moved that the Bibliotheca Sacra be taken Carried — Mr Gordon made a statement in reference to the taking of papers from the Reading Room —

contrary to the rules of the Society — Mr Stewart
reproved to the order maintained in the Reading Room —
wished it might be better — Messrs. Harlow &
Woodworth were excused for absence from
the meetings of the Board — Mr Harlow was
appointed Advocate — Roll was called —
& there being no farther business closed with
prayer by Mr Brewster —

J. L. Kehoe
President —

W. W. Woodworth
Rec. Secretary

Special Meeting

Oratory Feb. 25 1857 —

The Board met pursuant to the call of the
President, & was opened with prayer by Mr Crane.
Roll was called. Absent Messrs Brewster, Harlow
Hubbard Sarge McDougal Mitchell Roberts & Simonton.
Mr Haines of the Com. appointed to ascertain the
expense of Carpeting the Reading Room, reported that
a Carpet could be obtained for 45 dollars — Mr Gordon
stated that the income of the Society would probably exceed
the expenditures by about 50 dollars — Mr Simonton of the
Standing Com. stated there would be surplus funds sufficient
to procure a Carpet — Mr McCann moved that the Committee
be authorized to procure a carpet for the Reading Room & put
it down — Motion Carried —

It was moved that the Stove formerly in the Reading Room
be sold at Auction — Lost — Mr Gordon moved
that the person who has it, be allowed to keep it for his
initiation fee — Again it was moved that it be sold to Mr Fanshaw
for 15$. Mr Stewart offered amendment that he have it for his
initiation fee — Amendment declared out of order — Original
motion carried. Mr Rodhead moved that the Secretary be
authorized, when necessary to procure another book for

the minutes of the Board — Carried — after which there being no farther business the Board Adjourned. Closed with Prayer by Bro. Gordon — Advocate of the Board. Mr Stewart —

M. N Woodworth
Rec. Secretary —

The End

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